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OF

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OF THE

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Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly

Begun and held in the

City of Columbus, O., October 4th, A. D. 1904, Y. D. 2904

Comp. JOHN F. LANE, Conneaut, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. WM. E. EVANS, Chillicothe, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Masonic Temple,
Columbus, Ohio,
Tuesday, October 4, 1904,
9:30 O'clock, A. M.

Opening Exercises.

The hour having arrived for the convening of the Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives assembled in the lobby of the Chittenden Hotel, and were escorted to the Masonic Temple, by a delegation of the Companions of Columbus Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, where the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, was, after devotional exercises by the R. Ill. Grand Chaplain, Companion John L. Roemer, declared opened in Ample Form, at 9:30 A. M., by the following corps of Grand Officers, viz.:

JOHN F. LANE, Most Illustrious Grand Master.
NELSON WILLIAMS, R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master.
WILLIAM A. SPILL, R. Ill. Grand Prin. Cond. of Work.
HENRY TRUE, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.
WILLIAM E. EVANS, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.
REV. JOHN L. ROEMER, R. Ill. Grand Chaplain.
EDWARD H. ARCHER, Ill. Grand Capt. of Guards.
MILTON B. DICKERSON, Ill. Gr. Cond. Con'l.
WARREN J. BAKER, Ill. Grand Steward.
CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Ill. Gr. Sentinel.

The Grand Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters and all but one of the Subordinate Councils duly represented.

Whereupon, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, declared the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, opened in its Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly, for the transaction of business.

Grand Master Lane, introduced to the Grand Council of Ohio, Illustrious Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina, who was received with Cryptic Grand Honors, and invited to a seat in the East.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwin Morrell, representing the Companions of Columbus Council, No. 8, welcomed the Grand Council of Ohio, to the city of Columbus, Ohio, in a very pleasing and eloquent address, which was responded to by Most Illustrious Grand Master John F. Lane, extending the thanks of the Companions for the courteous welcome.

Courtesies.

Illustrious Companion Nelson Williams, in a few well chosen remarks, suitable to the occasion, presented and introduced the following distinguished Companions, to the Grand Council, who were courteously received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Lane, and invited to seats in the East.

JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

OWEN B. HANNAN,
M. E. Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Ohio.

LOUIS P. SCHAUS,
M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM,
Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Ohio.

JACOB H. BROMWELL,
Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

WILLIAM T. MCLEAN,
Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio.

ROBERT V. HAMPSON,
Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio.

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of the United States.

After which, as return courtesies, Companion William T. McLean, presented and introduced Companion Nelson Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Organization—Grand Officers Present.

Illustrious Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, in a very happy manner responded for the distinguished Companions.

Comp. JOHN F. LANE, ... M. Ill. Grand Master
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS . . . R. Ill. Dep. Gr. Master
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, . R. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work
Comp. HENRY TRUE, ... R. Ill. Grand Treasurer
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, . . . R. Ill. Gr. Recorder
Comp. REV. JOHN L. ROEMER, . . R. Ill. Gr. Chaplain
Comp. EDWIN H. ARCHER, . .Ill. Gr. Captain of Guards

Comp. MILTON B. DICKERSON, . Ill. Gr. Cond. of Council
Comp. WARREN J. BAKER, ... Ill. Gr. Steward
Comp. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, . . . Ill. Grand Sentinel
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Chr. Com. of For. Cor.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. DAVID C. WINEGARNER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
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Comp. JEWETT PALMER, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

Comp. FRED W. ADAMS, ... No. 58
Comp. JOSEPH KIRKUP, ... No. 1
Comp. DAVID WINEGARNER, ... No. 7
Comp. LEWIS P. SCHAUS, ... No. 7
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, ... No. 7
Comp. JOHN W. PARSONS, ... No. 17
Comp. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, ... No. 36
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, ... No. 26
Comp. JACOB H. BROMWELL, ... No. 77
Comp. MILTON B. DICKERSON, ... No. 22
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, ... No. 8

Comp. JOHN F. LANE, ... No. 40
Comp. EDWARD H. ARCHER, ... No. 8
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, ... No. 8
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, ... No. 33
Comp. W. T. S. O'HARA, ... No. 33
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, ... No. 22
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, ... No. 4
Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, ... No. 32
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, ... No. 78
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, ... No. 19
Comp. ROBERT V. HAMPSON, ... No. 44
Comp. THOMAS C. COATES, ... No. 88
Comp. SAMUEL MATTHEWS, ... No. 8
Comp. J. NICK KOERNER, ... No. 8
Comp. WILLIAM E. BANTA, ... No. 17
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, ... No. 36
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, ... No. 70
Comp. GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, ... No. 22
Comp. EDWIN DRAPER, ... No. 79

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Arkansas, ... Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California, ... " ARTHUR P. CRANE.
Connecticut, ... " EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado, ... " CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida, ... " LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
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Kansas, ... " JACOB H. BROMWELL.
Kentucky, ...

Louisiana,		
Maine,	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,		
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
New Brunswick,	"	FRED W. ADAMS.
Nebraska,	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire,	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey,		
New York,	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM
North Carolina,	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon,	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania,	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,		
Vermont,	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina,	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee,		
Washington,	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin,		
England and Wales,	"	MOSES H. LEVAGOOD.
Canada,	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS—REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

CREDENTIAL LIST

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Daniel Koch.
			George W. Fels.
2	Union	Steubenville	G. P. Wilson.
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	A. E. Culter.
			L. C. Laube.
			W. E. Evans.
7	Bigelow	Newark	L. P. Schaus.
			D. C. Winegarner.
8	Columbus	Columbus	Joseph Wiggins.
			B. O. Brown.
9	Reese	Dayton	John T. Miller.
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	A. F. Kreager.
13	Wooster	Wooster	Geo. J. Schwartz.
14	Franklin	Troy	H. G. Rossiter.
15	Athens	Athens	C. W. Harris.
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Geo. W. Barrere.
17	Springfield	Springfield	C. A. Schuster.
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	C. C. Falk.
			William Howe.
20	Lima	Lima	George P. Conner.
22	Marion	Marion	John H. Bartram.
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Castleton Roscoe.
26	Sandusky City ..	Sandusky	Edmund B. King.
			H. H. Squire.
			Lewis M. Lea.
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	John C. Vanden.
			G. W. C. Poore.
33	Toledo	Toledo	F. H. Brukseiker.
			W. E. Jacoby.
			T. B. Guitteau.
35	Canton	Canton	Samuel T. Keith.
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	G. H. Veldhuis.
			Charles E. Cole.
39	Hockhocking	Logan	A. W. Mauk.
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	H. S. Schalk.
			B. S. Snyder.
41	London	London	Bruce B. Jones.
44	Omega	Salem	J. G. Augustine.
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	I. L. Oppenheimer.
			W. G. Plantz.
47	Clinton	Tiffin	A. H. Unger.
50	Findlay	Findlay	W. H. Loy.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville.....	I. H. Gaston.
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	Defiance	W. H. McClintock.
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	C. U. Patterson.
58	Warren	Warren	Fred. W. Adams.
			J. S. Gildard.
59	Urbana	Urbana	Horace M. Crow.
			E. E. Cheaney.
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Richard A. Brown.
			J. R. Florence.
64	Fremont	Fremont	W. S. Lewis.
65	Kenton	Kenton	John Wilson.
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	G. B. Tuthill.
69	Putnam	Ottawa	S. F. Deford.
70	Sidney	Sidney	W. R. Wyman.
71	Trowel	Trowel	H. C. Murfin.
72	Delphos	Delphos	J. H. Cowden.
73	Van Wert.....	Van Wert.....	Hugh V. Olney.
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	John W. Borton.
75	New Lexington..	New Lexington...	Jas. F. McMahon.
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	S. H. Peterman.
			William E. Grant.
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	F. S. Cowing.
78	Marietta	Marietta	C. F. Holst.
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	A. J. Fuller.
			George Padan.
80	Akron	Akron	A. H. Price.
81	St. Marys	St. Marys.....	Not Represented.
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	F. P. Hale.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	J. R. Fitzer.
84	Delaware	Delaware	Louis Welch.
			Wm. A. Greiner.
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Sidney Nichols.
86	Elyria	Elyria	C. H. Loughry.
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	T. M. Roseberry.
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	J. P. Hershberger.
			T. C. Coats.
			L. T. Unks.
89	S. S. Jewell.....	Marysville	J. M. Brodrick.
90	Fostoria.....	Fostoria	E. K. Cunningham.
			A. E. Mergenthaler
U D	Matchett	Greenville	S. A. Hawes.
U D	Ohio	Ironton	J. D. Foster.

Standing Committees.

Credentials —
Companions William E. Evans,
George W. Barrere,
Clark H. Loughrey.

Visitors —
Companions Joseph Wiggins,
F. H. Brukseiker,
C. C. Falk.

Jurisprudence —
Companions Graff M. Acklin,
Jacob H. Bromwell,
Edmund B. King.

Accounts —
Companions George D. Copeland,
I. L. Oppenheimer,
George W. Fels.

Grievance —
Companions Lewis P. Schaus,
George P. Connor,
Robert V. Hampson.

Charters and Dispensations —
Companions William T. McLean,
William B. Anderson,
David C. Winegarner.

Pay Roll —
Companions Fred W. Adams,
H. S. Schalk,
Horace M. Crow.

Good of the Order —
Companions Orestes A. B. Senter,
Henry E. Morrison,
John T. Miller.

Subordinate Returns —
Companions Arthur P. Crane,
John G. Augustine,
T. M. Roseberry.

Unfinished Business —

Companions Lewis M. Lea,
A. H. Price,
J. M. Broderick.

Foreign Correspondence —

Companions William M. Cunningham,
Samuel T. Keith,
John H. Bartram.

Obituary —

Companions Rev. John L. Roemer,
F. S. Cowing,
W. H. Loy.

Special Committees.

Topical Reference —

Companions William M. Cunningham,
Sidney Nichols,
James R. Fitzer.

Masonic Home —

Companions George D. McBride,
Jewett Palmer,
Joseph M. Goodspeed.

Time and Place —

Companions Daniel Koch,
John C. Vanden,
A. F. Kreager.

Address and Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

With hearts full of gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for the manifold blessings we daily enjoy, and for the privilege of again meeting in Annual Assembly, after a year of healthfulness and prosperity, we convene to review the past, and legislate for the future.

At a glance back, the time seems short since we parted at Akron at the close of the Seventy-fourth Annual Assembly, yet another year, with its changes, has passed into history and we are again reminded that life is short, and ours is rapidly drawing to a close.

To this Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly, the diamond anniversary of the organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, do I extend a most cordial greeting, and welcome you to hear an account of the manner in which the trust you placed in my hands, one year ago has been cared for.

To the representatives of sister jurisdictions, I also give that word, so potent and full of love:—Welcome, and with it Fraternal greetings and good will to the Grand Councils they represent, and trust that the universal peace and harmony, which now prevail between us, will continue to the end of time.

NECROLOGY.

While the Grim Reaper has spared the members of our official family, during the year just ended, a number of faithful Companions of Subordinate Councils have been summoned to the place of refreshment and rest and official notices have come to hand, with the sad intelligence that sister jurisdictions have suffered the loss of eminent and beloved fraters, all of which will be submitted, by the committee on obituary, with suitable memorials and printed in our annual proceedings.

Two, however, I will briefly mention here on account of their active Masonic career, and former official connection with this Grand Council.

Companion S. Stacker Williams, died April 3rd, 1904. He was born at Dover, Tenn., March 20th, 1836. His Masonic labors extend back over a period of forty years and his legion of friends and acquaintances well knew of his great love for the order, and punctual attendance at the annual meetings. For eighteen years he held the responsible position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which gave him an extended acquaintance abroad, as well as at home, and I feel that we have their sympathy in the great loss this jurisdiction has suffered by his death.

Companion Abner Royce, died December 1st, 1903, after a long, lingering illness. He was appointed Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard of this Grand Council at the Annual Assembly, held at Cincinnati in 1898, he also was a lover of the rite, and his numerous friends in Northern Ohio know that he was always ready to labor for its interests, on account of its elevating influences toward mankind, and his name will long be coupled with the growth and prosperity of Masonry, at Cleveland, the city of his adoption, toward which he contributed so much.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Commissions of Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Ohio, having expired by limitation, I nominated and recommended the appointment and reappointment of the following Companions to fill the vacancies:

Arkansas,	Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California,	" ARTHUR P. CRANE.
Connecticut,	" EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado,	" CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida,	" LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia,	" HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois,	" WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indiana,	" NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa,	" WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Indian Territory,	" GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Kansas,	" JACOB H. BROMWELL.
Kentucky,	" LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana,	" REUBEN C. LEMON.
Maine,	" JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	" GRAFF M. ACKLIN.

Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,	"	GEORGE BILLOW.
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
Nebraska,	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire,	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey,	"	GILBERT A. EWING.
New York,	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM
North Carolina,	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon,	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania,	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,	"	S. B. GROVE.
South Carolina,	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee,	"	C. W. CARROLL.
Vermont,	"	JOHN F. LANE.
Washington,	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin,	"	C. C. PARK.
England and Wales,	"	MOSES H. LEVAGOOD.
Canada,	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

April 15th, 1904, I recommended the appointment of Companion William E. Evans as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan near the Grand Council of Ohio, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Abner Royce.

September 1st, 1904, I recommended the appointment of Companion Fred W. Adams as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Brunswick near the Grand Council of Ohio, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion S. Stacker Williams.

The Commissions of the Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Ohio, near the Grand Councils of other Jurisdictions, having expired by limitation, at the date of the Assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Grand Masters of the United States of America, I issued Commissions to the following Companions who were nominated and recommended to fill the vacancies:

Arkansas,	Edgar E. Bryant,	Fort Smith,
California,	James Hedges, Hall,	Santa Ana,
Canada,	Samuel Dubber,	St. Thomas, Ont.

Colorado, . . .	John Humphreys,	Trinidad,
Connecticut, . .	Dwight Waugh,	Stamford,
England and Wales,	Charles F. Matier,	London, Eng.
Florida, . . .	C. L. Smith,	Daytona,
Georgia, . . .	Robert L. Colding,	Savannah,
Illinois, . . .	George W. Curtis,	Peoria,
Indiana, . . .	Simeon P. Gillett,	Evansville,
Indian Territory,	William L. Eagleton,	Pawnee,
Iowa, ...	A. R. Dewey,	Washington,
Kansas, . . .	Thomas L. Bond,	Salina,
Kentucky, . .	Charles Henry Fisk,	Covington,
Louisiana, . .	Robt. Harmon Cage,	New Iberia,
Maine, ...	Webster Hazelwool,	Andover, Mass.,
Maryland, . .	John M. Carter,	Baltimore,
Massachusetts, .	J. Gilman Waite,	Boston,
Michigan, . .	George A. Cross,	Lawrence,
Minnesota, . .	Thos. Montgomery,	St. Paul,
Mississippi, . .	S. M. Roane,	West Point,
Missouri, . . .	John R. Parsons,	St. Louis,
Nebraska, . .	Charles J. Phelps,	Schuyler,
New Brunswick, .	James Masters,	Moneton,
New Hampshire,	George H. Everett,	Laconia,
New Jersey, . .	Linsly Rowe,	Jersey City,
New York, . .	James Chambers,	New York City,
North Carolina, .	Walter S. Liddell,	Charlotte,
Oregon, . . .	A. L. Rumsey,	Mt. Tabor,
Pennsylvania, .	James B. Youngson,	Pittsburg,
Rhode Island, .	Rev. H. W. Rugg,	Providence,
South Carolina, .	Jacob T. Barron,	Columbia,
Tennessee, . .	T. W. Crutcher,	Nashville,
Vermont, . . .	Frank A. Phillips,	Randolph,
Washington, .	John B. Romans,	Seattle,
Wisconsin, . .	Fred Ring,	La Crosse.

On October 27th, 1903, Companion Rev. Richard R. Graham, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, informed me that he had accepted a call to a parish at Elkhart, Indiana, and expected to go there the following month; after his removal I appointed Companion Rev. John L. Roemer to supply the vacancy and caused the following circular to be issued and distributed:—

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO.

Office of the Most Ill. Grand Master.

CONNEAUT, OHIO, February 1st, 1904.

APPOINTMENT.

To all Royal and Select Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction,

GREETING:—

Companion Rev. John L. Roemer, of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters of Chillicothe, Ohio, is hereby appointed Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Ohio, to fill out the unexpired term of Right Illustrious Companion Rev. Richard R. Graham, who has accepted a call and taken up a permanent residence in another Grand Jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Council of Ohio, to be attached, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1903, Y. D. 2903.

JOHN F. LANE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Grand Recorder.

I then instructed Right Illustrious Companion William E. Evans to install him at the first Assembly of Chillicothe Council, which duty was performed, as the following certificate, bearing the seal and signature of the Recorder of that Council, attests.—

CHILLICOTHE COUNCIL, No. 4, R. & S. M.

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, Dec. 16th, 1903.

Mr. John F. Lane, M. Ill. Grand Master, Conneaut, Ohio.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION:—

This is to certify that Companion Rev. John

L. Roemer was duly installed as Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, by Chillicothe Council No. 4 R. & S. M., at its Stated Assembly, held Tuesday evening, December 15th, A. D. 1903, by Companion Wm. E. Evans, R. Illustrious Grand Recorder, acting as M. Ill. Gr. Master, and Companion Charles Hoyt, Thrice Ill. Master, of Chillicothe Council No. 4, acting as Grand Marshal.

Zealously and Fraternally,

J. W. BEST,

Recorder.

Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's Bonds.

The bonds of the Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Companion Henry True, and the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, Companion William E. Evans, executed by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md., in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) each, was received and approved.

March 8th, 1904, I received the following communication from Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, which explains itself:—

Report of Special Committee on Memorial Tablet.

John F. Lane, M. Ill. Grand Master, R. & S. M. of Ohio, Conneaut, Ohio.

M. ILL. SIR AND COMPANION:—

The Committee of the Grand Council to place in the vestibule of the Ohio Masonic Home a bronze tablet portrait of our late Companion, John W. Chamberlain, begs leave to report that the Leland & Hall Company, with whom the committee contracted for this work, has finished its contract to the satisfaction of the committee and that the tablet is now in position.

Yours Fraternally,

J. H. BROMWELL,

Chairman Committee.

On March 15th, another report of a committee which also explains itself, came to hand and reads as follows:

John F. Lane, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Conneaut, Ohio,

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION:

Your Committee appointed to procure a Past Grand Master's Jewel for Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Jewett Palmer, beg leave to report that they have attended to this duty, and that the Jewel was presented at a regular meeting of Marietta Council No. 78, February 26th.

Zealously and Fraternally Yours,

W. B. ANDERSON,
J. H. BROMWELL,
DANIEL KOCH,
Committee.

CLAIMS APPROVED AND ORDERS ISSUED.

Order No.	45	U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., Premium on bonds	$ 24.00
"	46	E. A. Armstrong, Stationery, etc	18.00
"	47	General Grand Council Dues	29.00
"	48	The M. C. Lilley Co., Jewel Cases	10.00
"	49	Scholl Co., Printing Annual Proceedings	307.52
"	50	Michle Bros., Jewel for Past Grand Master	57.00
"	51	Leland & Hall Co., Bronze Tablet Portrait	236.00
"	52	Edward H. Archer, Inspector	6.95
"	53	Edward H. Archer, "	29.30
"	54	William T. McLean, "	9.05
"	55	Warren J. Baker, "	39.60
"	56	Charles H. Giessen, "	22.28
"	57	Nelson Wiliams, "	23.25
"	58	William A. Spill, "	53.95
"	59	Rev. John L. Roemer, "	16.18
"	60	Nelson Williams, Organizing Matchett Council, U. D.	4.30
"	61	Andrew J. Fuller, Organizing Ohio Council, U. D.	2.30
"	62	Rev. John L. Roemer, Inspector	1.30
"	63	M. B. Dickerson, "	16.47

Council Instituted.

On December 7th, 1903, I visited Marysville and instituted S. S. Jewell Council No. 89, to which a charter was granted at the last Annual Assembly. This being the date of their Annual Election, I also had the pleasure of installing the officers elected to serve the ensuing year. On account of the absence of some of the old officers, no degrees were conferred, although a candidate was in waiting, so I occupied the time in giving the Companions such instruction, in Council work, as I thought might benefit them in the future. Judging from appearances I am led to believe that the members of this young Council will take hold in earnest and in time have an organization worthy of the name.

New Councils.

On December 18th, I received a petition, signed by eighteen Royal and Select Masters praying for a dispensation to establish a Council at Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, to be known as Matchette Council U. D., accompanying the petition was the consent and recommendation of Franklin Council No. 14, and the consent of Sidney Council No. 70, Van Wert Council No. 73, and Reese Council No. 9. After a careful examination of the situation I became fully satisfied that it would be for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry to have a Council there and on January 1st, 1904, issued the dispensation asked for, with Companion J. I. Allread as Thrice Illustrious Master. On January 19th the organization was effected under the supervision of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Companion Nelson Williams, to whom I issued my proxy for that purpose. On September 14th, I visited them and found that a reasonable amount of work had been done and that the prospects for the future were good. They are as yet only partially provided with the necessary paraphernalia, but promise to secure the balance as soon as the finances of the body will permit. All the papers in the case are herewith submitted for such action as the Committee on Charters and Dispensations may recommend.

On August 2nd, I received a petition from Ironton, Ohio, signed by nine Royal and Select Masters, asking for a dispensation to establish a Council in that place, to be known as Ohio Council U. D., the consent and recommendation of Solomon Council No. 79 of Portsmouth, and the consent of Moriah Council No. 32 of Gallipolis, accompanied the petition, together with a draft for fifty-three dollars ($53.00). Information on the subject from zealous Companions, who were conversant with the situation in that section, convinced me that the establishment of a Council in that city would be for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry. I therefore granted the dispensation, with Companion J. D. Foster as Thrice Illustrious Master, and the Council was organized on August 31st, Companion Andrew J. Fuller, Thrice Illustrious Master of Solomon Council No. 79, acting as my proxy on the occasion. All the papers in the case are herewith submitted for proper reference and action.

Inspection of Councils.

In arranging for the inspection of Subordinate Councils, I reserved Fostoria Council U. D., Matchette Council U. D., Cleveland No. 36 and Conneaut No. 40 for my personal supervision, and divided the balance into nine Arches, which I placed in the hands of the other Grand Officers, except Companion Henry True, R. Ill., G. Treas., who asked to be excused from the work, as he expected to be absent from home a part of the year, on account of ill health, and at my request Most Illustrious Companion William T. McLean consented to assist, but duties in other directions prevented him from taking on an equal share, which accounts for the Ninth Arch—assigned him—being composed of but two Councils.

In accordance with the foregoing, the following circular was issued and distributed as usual:

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF OHIO.

Office of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

CONNEAUT, OHIO, February 4, 1904.

To All Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

GREETING:

In accordance with the established custom adopted by the Grand Council, relative to the Annual Inspection of Subordinate Councils, which has proved so beneficial in the past, this Grand Jurisdiction is hereby divided into nine Arches for that purpose, and Inspectors appointed as follows:

FIRST ARCH

Comp. Nelson Williams, Hamilton, Rt. Ill. Dep. Grand Master, Inspector of Councils:—

NO.		(T. ILL. MASTERS)	(RECORDERS)
1. Cincinnati,	Cincinnati,	Daniel Koch, (316 Shillito St.)	Joseph Kirkup,
14, Franklin,	Troy,	H. G. Rossiter,	E. M. Faulkner,
16, Hillsboro,	Hillsboro,	Oliver N. Sams,	C. W. Anderson,
17, Springfield,	Springfield,	W. E. Copenhaver,	O. H. Anderson,
59, Urbana,	Urbana,	H. M. Crow,	J. S. Merrill,
70, Sidney,	Sidney,	W. R. Wyman,	E. W. Stowell,
77, Wyoming,	Wyoming,	F. S. Cowing,	Leslie Webb, (306 Walnut St.) Cincinnati, Ohio.

SECOND ARCH

Comp. William A. Spill, Warren, Rt. Ill. Gr. P. C. of Work, Inspector of Councils:—

2, Union,	Steubenville,	Geo. P. Wilson,	H. R. Linton,
13, Wooster,	Wooster,	W. W. Firestone,	W. L. Firestone,
24, Norwalk,	Norwalk,	Castleton Roscoe,	J. H. Gross,
54 Belmont,	St. Clairsville,	C. W. Carroll,	J. B. Meyer,
56, Gebal,	Uhrichsville,	C. W. Patterson,	H. B. Cook,
64, Fremont,	Fremont,	N. C. Sherwood,	H. S. Dorr,
87, Bellaire,	Bellaire,	T. M. Roseberry,	W. Daugherty,

THIRD ARCH

Comp. William E. Evans, Chillicothe, R. Ill. Grand Recorder, Inspector of Councils: —

8, Columbus,	Columbus,	Joseph Wiggins,	W. E. Joseph,
15, Athens,	Athens,	Chas. W. Harris,	James A. Palmer,
32, Moriah,	Gallipolis,	G. R. Lockwood,	John C. Vanden,
46, Bosworth,	Pomeroy,	I. L. Oppenheimer,	Wyatt G. Plantz,
71, Trowel,	Jackson,	H. Clay Murfin,	W. H. Sloan,
78, Marietta,	Marietta,	O. B. Vincent,	A. W. Tompkins,
79, Solomon,	Portsmouth,	Andrew J. Fuller,	George Paden,

FOURTH ARCH

Comp. Rev. John L. Roemer, Chillicothe, Rt. Ill. Grand Chaplain, Inspector of Councils: —

12 Zanesville,	Zanesville,	J. B. Carson,	C. S. Hoskinson,
39 Hock Hocking,	Logan,	W. S. Friesner, (Sugar Grove, O.)	C. H. Keynes,
60 Tyrian,	Circleville,	Israel U. Finker,	Steph. I. Grigsby,
75 N. Lexington,	New Lexington,	H. F. Acker,	J. F. McMahon,
88 Lancaster,	Lancaster,	J. P. Hershberger,	C. W. Matthews,

FIFTH ARCH

Comp. Edward H. Archer, Columbus, Ill. Grand Chaplain of Guards, Inspector of Councils: —

4, Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	Albert E. Cutler,	J. W. Best,
7, Bigelow,	Newark,	Lewis P. Schaus,	Alonzo P. Taylor,
41, London,	London,	Bruce P. Jones,	C. E. Arbuckle,
74, Guernsey,	Cambridge,	John W. Barton,	Wm. S. Campbell,
76, Kinsman,	Mt. Vernon,	Wm. E. Grant,	S. H. Peterman,
81, St. Mary's,	St. Mary's,	B. E. Thomas,	H. E. Henderson,
89, S. S. Jewell,	Marysville,	J. M. Brodrick,	C. S. Hamilton,

SIXTH ARCH

Comp. Milton B. Dickerson, Marion, Ill. Grand Conductor of Council, Inspector of Councils: —

33 Toledo,	Toledo,	F. H. Burkselker,	E. W. Eastell,
47, Clinton,	Tiffin,	Geo. A. Corthell,	Russell L. Knapp, (54 E. Perry St.)
50, Findlay,	Findlay,	W. H. Loy,	D. L. Grable,
65, Kenton,	Kenton,	John Wilson,	B. L. Thompson,
83, Gwyn,	Bucyrus,	James R. Fitzer,	Cyrus H. Fisher,
84, Delaware,	Delaware,	Louis Welch,	Wm. M. Semans,
85, Logan,	Bellefontaine,	Sidney Nichols,	H. H. Newell,

SEVENTH ARCH

Comp. Warren J. Baker, Toledo, Ill. Grand Steward,
ter, Inspector of Councils:—

20, Lima,	Lima,	Geo. P. Connor,	W. P. Landis,
22, Marion,	Marion,	John H. Bartram,	Geo. S. McGuire,
55, Occonoxee,	Defiance,	W. H. McClintock,	E. J. Phelps,
68, Wauseon,	Wauseon,	Guy B. Tuthill,	F. W. Moyer,
69, Putnam,	Ottawa,	S. F. DeFord,	J. W. Brown,
72, Delphos,	Delphos,	J. H. Cowdin,	J. E. Fast,
73, Van Wert,	Van Wert,	Hugh V. Olney,	Isma H. Malick,

EIGHTH ARCH

Comp. Charles H. Giessen, Cleveland, Ill. Grand Sentinel,
Inspector of Councils:—

26, Sandusky City	Sandusky,	Edmund B. King,	Jay D. Lea,
35, Canton,	Canton,	Sam'l. T. Keith,	Chas. Silverman,
44, Omega,	Salem,	J. G. Augustine,	Chas. C. Snyder,
58, Warren,	Warren,	Fred W. Adams,	Jas. L. Kenendy,
80, Akron,	Akron,	Judson Thomas,	W. E. Waugh,
82, Bellevue,	Bellevue,	Frank P. Hale,	Chas. Metz,
86, Elyria,	Elyria,	C. H. Loughrey, 13th Av. Lorain, O	John Murbach.

NINTH ARCH

Comp. William T. McLean, Sidney, Past Most Ill. Grand Mas-
Inspector of Councils:—

9, Reese,	Dayton,	John T. Miller,	Chas. D. Kidd,
19, Hamilton,	Hamilton,	W. J. B. Klein,	W. A. Seward

The Inspectors will take up this work immediately, and arrange with the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Councils within their districts for as early dates as possible, in order that each and every Council may be inspected before July 1st. Officers assigned to this duty will make out and forward to this office, a report of each Council as inspected, with bill of expenses.

The Thrice Illustrious Masters will cause this circular to be read in Council at the first regular Assembly after its receipt and make all necessary preparation, and arrangement for such Visitation and Inspection.

The fact that this Grand Jurisdiction now leads the Cryptic Rite Column of the world, is a just cause for rejoicing, not as

much that we have overtaken and passed another Grand Council that has held the place for so many years with honor to itself and the fraternity at large, as the knowledge it affords of the zeal and devotion displayed by our Companions who participated in the labors of the Secret Vault which brought about this result, and I would urge upon all a continuance of this activity in the work so that we may maintain the position with credit, and enjoy the honor as long as possible.

Zealously and Fraternally,

JOHN F. LANE,

M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest: WM. E. EVANS, *Grand Recorder.*

In addition to other details, in connection with the inspection of Councils, I requested the Officers to take up the question of suspension for N. P. D. and see if some plan could be adopted that would reduce this continual drain on our membership. I am well aware that it cannot be eliminated entirely, but a united effort all along the line will do much toward it, and I suggested that Recorders be requested to send out notices, annually, or oftener, if necessary, to their members, stating when dues should be paid, as some people are afflicted with a poor memory, while others note not how swiftly time flies and the years are recorded on the pages of history. I was present at an Assembly, a short time ago, when two members approached the Recorder's desk to pay their dues, each of them brought forth a dollar to settle the bill when to their surprise the Recorder informed them that one owed three, and the other four dollars, that seven dollars would balance both accounts. They balanced and took their seats among the faithful, and went into a brown study over the fleetness with which years pass over the head of a craftsman who forgets to pay his dues at the proper time, or in their mind charge the Recorder with computing time by some lightning system of his own. The incident caused others who were present to inquire how they stood, all of which goes to prove that many such suspensions are due to forgetfulness, hence I am convinced that if the Recorders of Subordinate Councils will adopt the plan of sending out notices when pay-

ment is due, it will, at least, save the forgetful ones and add materially to the final figures on the balance sheet of the Grand Recorder.

Another matter, I requested the Inspectors to take up, was the habit some Councils have of holding meetings only when there is work. I am pleased to state, however, that this is not generally the case and the bodies that follow this course are among the exceptions, but nothing short of a flood or fire should prevent holding regular assemblies at the time named in the By-Laws. What would we think of a merchant, who only opened up his place of business when he felt like it or when customers appeared, and then complained of poor business? Compare his chances of success against a competitor who opened regularly. There would be but one outcome to such a course. Failure in one case and success in the other. It is much the same in our work, and I would admonish Subordinate Councils, that have been conducting their business in this way to change at once.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

1904, January 8th.

To Wooster Council No. 13, to elect and install officers.

May 3rd.

To Wyoming Council No.17 to elect and install officers.

May 20th.

To Solomon Council, No. 79, to elect and install officers. Good and sufficient reasons being given, in each case, for failure to elect at the proper time.

May 3rd.

To Canton Council, No. 35, to remove to apartments in the new Masonic Temple.

June 21st.

To Chillicothe Council, No. 4, to remove to apartments in the new Masonic Temple.

September 19th.

To Warren Council, No. 58, to remove to apartments in the new Masonic Temple, all of which were about completed on the dates mentioned, and speak well for the growth and prosperity of Masonry in those places.

September 22nd.

To Toledo Council, No. 33, to remove to the rooms of Yondota Lodge, No. 572, F. & A. M., on account of the expiration of lease on the building occupied since the fire, which destroyed the old temple.

July 2nd.

To Warren Council, No. 58, to hold a Special Assembly in the Masonic Lodge rooms at the city of Youngstown, Mahoning County, which is within its jurisdiction, for the purpose of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on a class of candidates, resident in and about that city.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

December 6th, '1903.

To Wyoming Council, No. 77, to hold the Annual Election of Officers at a Special Assembly, on December 16th, eight days prior to the date specified in the By-Laws, which was December 24th.

Dispensations to ballot on candidates at Special Assemblies were asked for and refused, to two Councils.

In this connection I would advise all Thrice Illustrious Masters to familiarize themselves with the Code, reference to its pages will clearly indicate how to proceed in many cases, and frequently save the Grand Master the unpleasant duty of refusing to grant dispensations asked for.

But points on which the Code is silent, or not understood, and new questions that may come up in Subordinate Bodies, are proper subjects for official decision, and reference of all such to the Grand Master is the proper course to take.

DECISIONS.

Questions—Is it proper for a new Council U. D. to receive petitions, ballot on candidates, and confer degrees on the date named in the dispensation for organization?

Answer—Yes, after the Council has been organized under its dispensation.

Question—Is it proper for a Council U. D. to receive applications for affiliation on demit?

Answer—No.

Question—Can a Council open and transact business, without either of the first three officers being present?

Answer—No. Not without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Question—If for any reason, a demit granted is dated back, to a period previous to a Recorder's term, whose business is it to sign it, the old or the new one.

Answer—The Recorder in office at the time the demit was granted.

A Recorder of a Council U. D. wanted to know what Grand Dues his Council should pay, to which I replied as follows: One dollar each for all advanced since organization, or last report, and fifty cents each on all members who were not paying dues in other Councils.

A Thrice Illustrious Master, who found difficulty in creating an interest in the work among the members of his Council, thought something a little different would accomplish it and requested permission to use the ritual of the General Grand Council for that purpose. I replied, I had no discretion in the matter, that the ritual adopted, and now in use by the Subordinate Councils of this Jurisdiction, would have to remain as the standard until changed by order of the Grand Council.

To a Thrice Illustrious Master, who asked if it was necessary to hold an Annual Election of Officers, when their re-election was intended, I replied by referring him to Article 2, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, which states that the officers of the several Subordinate Councils *shall* be chosen annually.

On May 4th, 1901, I received a communication from the Recorder of Lima Council, No. 20, for my approval of certain changes in their By-Laws, which provided for the appointment of the Capt. of the Guard, Conductor of Council, Steward and Sentinel, by the Thrice Illustrious Master. To which I replied that I would place the matter before the Grand Council at this session, for reference and action. It conflicts with Article 2, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, and I could not approve it.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That Resolution No. 14 on page 23 of the Code, adopted twenty-one years ago, as a measure to increase the interest in the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, and which provides that the degree of Super-Excellent Master be conferred annually in connection with the Annual Assembly, be so amended as to provide for conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Master instead; the work to be rendered by the local Council at the place where the Annual Assembly is held, as the conditions have so changed in the decades that have passed, since this rule went into effect, that it no longer requires any special effort to create an interest in these annual gatherings. What the Representatives desire most is to witness the work in the Degrees of Royal and Select Master rendered by a well-informed Council, for comparison and information; besides many Councils do not confer the Super-Excellent, hence the knowledge gained is of no immediate benefit.

That a supplement containing the resolutions and decisions approved and adopted by the Grand Council, since the publication of the Code January 1st, 1889, be issued and distributed.

That the triangular pedestals, behind which the three principal officers of a Council are seated, be covered with purple, instead of crimson as at present.

That hereafter, Recorders of Subordinate Councils be required to make out three copies of their Annual Report, and send one to the Grand Master, one to the Grand Recorder and retain the other himself.

That the sum of five hundred dollars be given to the Ohio Masonic Home, to be added to the endowment fund.

VISITATIONS.

The greatest event in Cryptic Masonry, that has ever been my privilege to attend, in the twenty years that I have been in the work, occurred on January 15th, on the occasion of the inspection of Warren Council, No. 58, by Illustrious Companion Charles H. Giessen, Inspector of the Eighth Arch. The Companions of that Council planned to make it the Masonic event of the year, and they fully succeeded in so doing. Companions

from many surrounding cities were present. Cleveland, sixty miles distant, sent a delegation. The local committee met all incoming trains and escorted all arriving visitors to the Hotels. Invitations had been sent to all the Officers of the Grand Council, and six of them were in attendance.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on a class of twenty-two and the work, in keeping with the general arrangements, was perfection itself; too much cannot be said in praise of it and the enthusiasm manifested by the Officers and Companions of this live Council.

After the Council was closed, one hundred and twenty-five Companions formed in line and proceeded to the Opera House, where one hundred and two resident and out-of-town ladies had a Council of their own, which they closed on our approach, and all repaired to the apartments of the W. R. C., which were beautifully decorated, to partake of a sumptuous banquet, while a fine orchestra discoursed appropriate selections, after which Companion Wilkins, as toast-master, in his happy, humorous way, introduced the speakers, who held forth for an hour or more. Among those who responded to toasts was Mrs. Fred W. Adams, wife of the Thrice Illustrious Master, who proved herself equal to the occasion in a witty and entertaining speech that brought forth liberal applause from the audience. After this we again repaired to the Opera House, where the light fantastic, and entrancing strains from Strauss and other celebrated composers, reigned supreme until tired nature called a halt. It was an occasion long to be remembered by those who were present, and Warren has shown to the world that the possibilities of a Council are equal to those of any Masonic body. A few years ago this Council, after a period of depression, which nearly ended its existence, took on new life, put Companions in office, who could and would work for its interest. From a weak, struggling Council, with little hope for the future, it now holds the ninth position in this Jurisdiction in members, and ranks with the best in excellence. Their net gain the past year was 55, and all this success is due to the fact that officers and members, under the direction of Companion Fred W. Adams, T. Ill. Master, and Right Illus-

trious Companion William A. Spill, faithfully discharged their duty to the craft.

FOSTORIA.

January 8th, 1904, I visited and inspected Fostoria Council U. D. and was much pleased with the progress this young Council has made. The apartments are appropriate, and paraphernalia, so far as provided, good; but best of all, every officer seemed to have been selected on account of his peculiar fitness for his work, which was exemplified in a way that would do credit to any Council. Every part was well done, showing careful study and deep interest throughout and it gives me pleasure to recommend a favorable consideration of their case at this time.

CONNEAUT.

On March 1st, I made an official call on Conneaut Council, No. 40; as this is my home, and my first light in Cryptic Masonry was gained here I am naturally friendly towards it: but in truth and justice to its officers and members, must say that it is entitled to favorable mention. It has a full equipment of everything needed in the work, which is in the hands of a capable set of officers, who take pride in rendering it in the best possible manner. In the last few years, it has gained much in favor with the craft outside, as well as within the fold. With a steadily increasing membership from a field now forming a large class, with more promised later on, it may be ranked with the best.

CLEVELAND.

On April 12th, 1904, I visited and inspected Cleveland Council, No. 36, which has the honor of being the largest in the state. The apartments occupied by it are beautiful, commodious and appropriate. The equipment is complete and the degrees were conferred with a view of impressing candidates with their beauty and importance. I have had the pleasure of visiting this body, officially, on several occasions and always found it maintaining a high standard of perfection.

SALEM.

On May 26th, by invitation of Companion R. V. Hampson, I visited Omega Council, No. 44, located at Salem. It was on

the occasion of the inspection of that body by Illustrious Companion Charles H. Giessen, in whose company I made the journey. Companion Hampson met us at the station on our arrival, and except while we slept, was at hand until our departure for home late the following morning, and to him and the Companions there, we are under obligations for many courtesies. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in an excellent manner, and evidence on every hand went to show that only a place near the right of the line would satisfy them. A delightful carriage ride about the city the next morning, in company with Companions Hampson and Dr. Yenkling, Principal Conductor of the Work, which included a visit to one of the large manufacturing plants, was a pleasant ending to a most enjoyable visit.

LOGAN.

Having learned that a delayed train prevented the regular inspector from making Bellefontaine, on the night appointed for the inspection of Logan Council, No. 85, and the possibility that it might be passed, I arranged to perform the duty myself, August 10th, and am glad that I did so as it afforded me an opportunity of meeting Companions who had held twelve regular and four special assemblies in the past year, during which time they had advanced thirty-five, making a membership of eighty in four years, fully one-half being present. The Royal and Select Master's degrees were conferred in a very impressive manner. This Council is well supplied with everything necessary in the work and are deserving of praise for the progress made since organization.

ELYRIA.

August 31st I visited Elyria Council, No. 86, and found the same degree of enthusiasm existing there as has marked that body since its organization. It is well located in a thriving city, with a great future before it and there is every reason to believe that this vigorous young Council will gain in strength and importance with age.

Notwithstanding the fact that some of the Subordinate bodies failed to make a good showing, yet I am pleased to state surprising results have been attained in places, where judging

from the past, it was least expected, and a review of the records, show the number of what might be termed weak Councils, are gradually growing smaller, that one after another are taking on new life, gaining strength, courage and position and giving object lessons to the less favored ones to copy and follow after. This leads me to believe, that in time, with such attention as each case demands, prosperity will attend every constituent of this Grand Council.

While the outlook today is brighter than ever before in the annals of this Jurisdiction, we must recollect that this condition of the Rite is the result of many years of earnest and constant labor, that it was not brought about by any sudden awakening of interest or sentiment, and as one by one gradually came to the front in the past, so must others follow in the same order in the future. We cannot expect every Council to show an increase each year, as the tide ebbs and flows in fraternity, as in nature, and we have every reason to look forward with confidence to the ultimate prosperity of every Subordinate Council in this Jurisdiction. I would suggest, to the members of all Councils, the benefit of judicious missionary work among eligible and desirable Companions, many of whom have been led to believe that the capitular degrees complete Ancient Craft Masonry, and without investigation pass on to the Commandery. To whisper good counsel in the ear of such Companions and advise them that the thrilling events enacted in the third and seventh were further detailed and explained in the work of the Council, would be simply performing a duty we owe to the Craft. Aside from this laudable effort we ask nothing. Cryptic Masonry has long since passed the stage of possibility, each year finds it more firmly established. No influence other than its own merit accomplished it, and the ranks are filled with a free will and accord membership.

While we may look with satisfaction on the past and pleasure on the present, it is well to remember that only continued activity will preserve what we have, or gain additional honors. The history of the world proves that former greatness alone never assured a like future.

Experience and observation, during the past year, has convinced me more than ever of the great benefit annual inspections are to Subordinate Councils and the high standard Cryptic Masonry has attained in this Jurisdiction, is largely due to this influence. The inspection of a Council is always a pleasant event, and brings out a large attendance, and I am strongly in favor of inspecting each and every Council at least once a year, of making a positive rule that it must be done, and if no candidate is available, use a substitute.

CONCLUSION.

Illustrious Companions:—The time is near at hand, when I shall surrender to another the important trust you placed in my keeping one year ago.

I appreciate the high honor conferred by electing me to this exalted position, and I sincerely hope I have performed its duties to your entire satisfaction. I assure you I have used my best judgment and ability in their discharge.

I desire to return my heartfelt thanks to all who have assisted me in this great work and for courteous treatment and high honors received wherever I visited. Special thanks are due the Grand Recorder for valuable assistance cheerfully rendered. To all the Grand Officers for the prompt and cheerful performance of the duties assigned them, to Past Grand Officers and Officers of Councils for assistance given when called upon, and finally to the Companions at large for manifesting so deep an interest in the work as to make this the greatest year in the history of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction. Companions, I thank you all.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. LANE,

M. Ill. Grand Master.

On motion of Companion William M. Cunningham, the address of Most Illustrious Grand Master John F. Lane, was referred to the Special Committee on Topical Reference for division and reference.

Report of Grand Recorder.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 4, 1904.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio.

COMPANIONS —

I herewith have the pleasure of submitting to you a report of the transactions of my office, for the year just closing, and it is with pride I report to you one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the rolls.....	58
Number of Councils working under dispensation	3

Only one Council has failed to make report, in the time prescribed by the Code, viz., Wooster, No. 13. (Report received Monday, October 3, 1904.)

All reporting Councils have conferred the Council Degrees.

54 Councils show a gain of.....	797
5 Councils show a loss of.....	34
1 Council shows the membership as one year ago.	
1 Council not reporting.	

A recapitulation of the Annual Returns shows as follows—

Membership July 31, 1903.....	6,827
Number Advanced	972
Number Admitted	25
Number Reinstated	51
Total.....	7,875

DEDUCT —

Number Withdrawn	63	
Number Died	110	
Number Sus. N. P. D. (same as last year)	109	
Number Expelled	3	285
Membership July 31st, 1904.....		7,590
A Net Gain of.....		763

The cash receipts for the year are as follows:

Received from Grand Dues.....	$4,302 50
Received Dispensation Fees.....	100 00
Received from Companion J. M. Hoffa, Back Dues, a Member of Late New Carlisle Council, No. 30	4 00
Total receipts.....	$4,406 50

Which amount has been paid to the R. Ill. Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt herewith:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 4, 1904.

Received of William E. Evans, R. Ill. Grand Recorder, the sum of four thousand, four hundred and six dollars and fifty cents ($4,406.50).

HENRY TRUE,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

During the year I have issued a number of certificates of good standing, to members of Councils that have lost their Charters, for the purpose of enabling them to affiliate with some live Council, among the number was one to Companion Andrew V. Corry, of late Virginia Council, No. 43, at Virginia City, Montana.

The proceedings for 1903, were printed and distributed as usual. As Cryptic Masonry is very much on the increase throughout the country, and the number of Masonic Libraries are increasing each year, I find that 500 copies are not quite enough to meet all demands, I would therefore recommend that 600 copies be printed this year.

In closing my report, I desire to thank the Recorders of Subordinate Councils for the prompt manner in which every demand was met, and for the very courteous treatment rendered this office, and I am especially grateful to Grand Master Lane for the many kindnesses shown me during the year.

Asking that this report, together with the Subordinate Re-

turns, be referred to the Committees on Accounts and Subordinate Returns, I am

Zealously and Fraternally Yours,

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

Which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts and Subordinate Returns.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 4, 1904.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

COMPANIONS —

I herewith submit the following report of the funds that have come into my hands as Grand Treasurer since October 13th, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

1903.		
Oct. 13th — To Balance on hand		**$ 5,324.61**
1904.		
Oct. 4th — Received from Wm. E. Evans, R. Ill. Grand Recorder		**4,406.50**
Total Receipts		**$ 9,731.11**

DISBURSEMENTS.

1903.			
Oct. 13th — By Pay Roll at Akron			**$1,126.00**
" — By W. E. Evans,	No. 37		434.79
" — By Jewett Palmer,	No. 38		56.68
" — By Nelson Williams,	No. 39		30.00
" — By Rev. R. R. Graham,	No. 40		10.00
" — By Warren J. Baker,	No. 41		15.00
" — By Henry True,	No. 42		15.00
" — By Wm. M. Cunningham,	No. 43		100.00
" — By John R. Parsons,	No. 44		1,500.00
Oct. 23rd — By Louis B. Shaw,	No. 34		24.27
" — By Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder,	No. 45		24.00

Nov. 23rd — By	E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co.	No. 46.....	18.00
" — By	Henry W. Mondhurst, Gen. Gr. Rec.,	No. 47.....	29.00
Dec. 14th — By	M. C. Lilley Co.,	No. 48.....	10.00
1904			
Jany. 6th — By	Scholl Printing Co.	No.49.....	307.52
Feby. 5th — By	Michie Bros.,	No. 50.....	57.00
Mar. 9th — By	Leland & Hall Co.,	No. 51.....	236.00
June 21st — By	Ed. H. Archer,	No. 52.....	6.95
" 25th — By	Ed. H. Archer,	No. 53.....	29.30
" 29th — By	Wm. T. McLean,	No. 54.....	9.05
" 29th — By	Warren J. Baker,	No.55.....	39.60
July 12th — By	Chas. H. Geissen,	No. 56.....	22.28
" 6th — By	Nelson Williams	No. 57.....	23.25
" 14th — By	W. A. Spill,	No. 58.....	53.95
Aug. 5th — By	John L. Roemer,	No. 59.....	16.18
" 31st — By	Nelson Williams,	No. 60.....	4.30
Sept. 13th — By	Andrew J. Fuller,	No. 61.....	2.30
" 28th — By	John L. Roemer,	No. 62.....	1.30
" 28th — By	M. B. Dickerson,	No. 63.....	16.47

Total	$4,218.37
Balance October 4th, 1904,.....	$5,512.74

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY TRUE,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Which, with vouchers, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Topical Reference.

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. Ill. Grand Master for its topical reference have had the same under consideration and would recommend that so much thereof as refers to necrology be referred to the Obituary Committee. That so much as relates to Finance, Accounts and Appropriations be referred to the Committee on Accounts. That

so much as relates to the publication of the Resolutions and Decisions of this Grand Council now in force supplementary to the Code, be referred to the same Committee. That so much as relates to Dispensations for New Councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. That so much as refers to the decision of the M. Ill. Grand Master and all matters involving questions of law be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That so much as relates to the subject of Dues in Councils working under Dispensation be referred to the same Committee. That so much as relates to the Inspection of Subordinate Councils and the matter of exemplification of work in Grand Council be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order. That so much as relates to reports in triplicate from Subordinate Councils be referred to the same Committee.

And that the appointment of Grand Representatives, Official Visitation and other matters and recommendations therein be and is hereby approved.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. M. CUNNINGHAM,
SIDNEY NICHOLS,
J. R. FITZER,

Committee.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Masonic Home.

To the M. Ill. Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ohio:

COMPANIONS: —

As your representative on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home I take pleasure in submitting to you the report of the Trustees and recommend that a summary of the same be printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Council for this year.

From this report you will perceive that the number of inmates in the Home is now greater than at any previous time and that it is occupied to its full capacity. The good work has been continued under the able management of our Superintendent, John W. Parsons, and the Home is accomplishing the work for which it was created.

The expenditures for the past year have been unavoidably greater than during any previous year, principally for two reasons: First, the increase in the number of inmates which would naturally entail additional expense, and second the fact that the cost of all articles going into the ordinary maintenance account has been considerably higher than before. Coal, food and clothing are among the items which constitute the largest part of our expenditures and it is in these items chiefly that we have had our increase of cost.

The improvement of the grounds has been carried on by means of funds specially donated for that purpose and the grounds are now assuming an appearance of finish and completeness befitting the magnificent building which they surround.

The Board of Trustees recognize the liberal support which has been accorded to this great charity and have no reason to doubt that it will be continued. We hope the day is not far distant when the income from the permanent fund will be sufficient to render unnecessary any special donation. The natural increase in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will give an ever-increasing per capita income for the current expenses and our wish is that any donation which may be made out of the funds of the Grand Council this year shall be contributed to the permanent fund. This fund is invested in safe securities, the income of which already amounts to a considerable sum, and the principal of which is not encroached upon for any purpose. It now aggregates over $40,000.00.

Thanking the Grand Council for what it has done in the past, we fraternally request that out of the abundance which has blessed the Grand Council this year you will donate such amount for this worthy object as you may be able with due regard to the estimated expenses of the Grand Council for the coming year.

On behalf of the Trustees, I am,

Zealously and Fraternally Yours,

J. H. BROMWELL,
Trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home for the Grand Council R. & S. M.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS
OF THE
OHIO MASONIC HOME
SPRINGFIELD, 1904

OFFICERS.

John M. Stull, President; J. W. Iredell, Jr., First Vice-President; W. J. Akers, Second Vice-President; Edward Harford,

Treasurer; John W. Parsons (Springfield), Superintendent and Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

REPRESENTING GRAND LODGE.—George D. McBride, Gallipolis; Edward Harford, Springfield; Nelson Williams, Hamilton; Leander Burdick, Toledo; John M. Stull, Warren; Edward L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain.

REPRESENTING GRAND CHAPTER.—J. W. Iredell, Jr., Cincinnati; Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati; Gibson H. Robinson, Cleveland.

REPRESENTING GRAND COUNCIL.—J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.

REPRESENTING GRAND COMMANDERY.—John P. McCune, Columbus; Martin J. Houck, Dayton; A. F. Vance, Jr., Urbana.

REPRESENTING A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE.—Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati; Wm. J. Aikers, Cleveland.

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE.—J. W. Iredell, Jr., Levi C. Goodale, Edward Harford, Nelson Williams, A. F. Vance, Jr.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.—Wm. J. Aikers, John M. Stull, Geo. D. McBride, Martin J. Houck, Gibson H. Robinson.

FINANCE.—Wm. B. Melish, Leander Burdick, J. H. Bromwell, E. L. Lybarger, John P. McCune.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 1, 1904.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs of the Home for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1904:

GENERAL FUND.

On hand July 31st, 1903	$2,160 61
Receipts during the year	30,634 58
	32,795 19

Disbursements	30,118 20
Balance on hand	2,676.99

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand July 31st, 1903	29,515 04
Receipts during the year	12,553 95
	42,068 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Premium on bonds purchased	1,385 45
Balance on hand	40,683 54

(Including the Jacob Hoffner bequest of $5,000.

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

On hand July 31st, 1903	999 71
Receipts during the year	866 67
	1,866 38
Disbursements	1,739 03
Balance on hand	127 35

HOSPITAL FUND.

On hand July 31st, 1903	53 43
Receipts during the year	6,511 08
	6,564 51
Disbursements	45 77
Balance on hand	6,518 74

LIBRARY FUND.

On hand July 31st, 1903—Bonds	$1,000 00
Receipts during the year—Interest	40 00
	1,040 00
Disbursements—Wm. B. Melish, Chairman, for investment	40 00
Balance on hand	$1,000 00
Total on hand in all funds	$51,006 62

The General Fund Receipts were from the following sources:

John Heileman—Care of children	$168 00
Isaac Hock—Care of children	25 00
R. R. Rickly, Columbus—Donation	100 00
Frederick L. Geddes, Toledo—Donation	100 00
Grand Council of Ohio—Donation	500 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio—Per capita tax	4,642 75
Frank F. Howe, Marietta, O.—Donation	24 00
Gibulum Grand Lodge of Perfection, No. 14, Cincinnati — Donation	600 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Per capita tax	16,519 50
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Donation	4,000 00
Ed. F. Witthof, Cincinnati—Donation	25 00
J. W. Parsons, Supt.—Sunday receipts	87 00
John Eberhardt—Pasturage	7 00
Cleveland Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M.—Donation	100 00
Cheviot Lodge, No. 140, Cincinnati—St. John's col.	34 05
Grand Commandery K. T. of Ohio—Donation	2,500 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest on deposits and bonds	1,202 28
	$30,634 58

The Endowment Fund has been favored during the year as follows:

Wm. Itschner, resident of the Home	$211 40
Thos. J. Hurst, resident of the Home	288 00
John Spengler, resident of the Home	50 00
Grand Council of Ohio, R. & S. M.	1,000 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio, R. A. M.	2,000 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest	428 55
Grand Lodge of Ohio	8,000 00
N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati	25 00
Cleveland Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M., Cleveland	100 00
Forest City Lodge, No. 388, Cleveland	100 00
J. C. P. Moore, resident of the Home	151 00
Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T., Cleveland	100 00
Miss Sophia Wraith, Wilmington, O.	100 00
	$12,553 95

The Ground Improvement Fund has received the following contributions during the year:

Aladdin Temple, N. M. S., Columbus	$66 67
Clark Lodge, No. 101, Springfield	100 00
Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T., Springfield	100 00
Anthony Lodge, No. 455, Springfield	100 00
Raper Commandery, K. T., Urbana	100 00
Ariel Chapter, Rose Croix, Cleveland	100 00
Holyrood Commandery, K. T., Cleveland	100 00
Alkoran Temple, N. M. S., Cleveland	200 00
	$866 67

HOSPITAL FUND.

Hadasseh Chapter, No. 108, O. E. S., Massillon	$10 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio, O. E. S.	6,500 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest	1 08
	$6,511 08

LIBRARY FUND.

Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest on bonds	$40 00

ALL FUNDS.

Total receipts during the year	$50,606 28
Total disbursements during the year	33,328 45
Excess of receipts over disbursements	$17,277 83

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED.

BETTERMENTS—MAIN BUILDING.

Additions	$698 40
Fixtures and plumbing	300 41
Hospital—Advertising "for bids"	45 77
House furnishings	264 51
Household and kitchen utensils	9 88
Laundry	5 50
Miscellaneous	177 00
Power plant and machinery	44 30
Tableware	54 00
Tools	11 65
	1,611 42

BETTERMENTS—GROUNDS.

Grounds	838	03
From Ground Improvement Fund	1,908	83
	2,746	86

BETTERMENTS—FARM AND BARN.

Farm and barn utensils	$32	00
Horses	135	00
Harness, etc.	5	80
Miscellaneous	42	45
New buildings and additions	141	59
	$356	84

MAINTENANCE.

Amusements	$37	26
Bedding	40	00
Clothing and dry goods	1,055	63
Drugs, nursing, etc.	734	84
Expenses of Trustees	273	85
Freight and drayage	48	23
Funeral expenses	155	50
Heat and light	3,693	49
House furnishings	88	11
Household and kitchen utensils	200	41
Insurance	670	90
Ice	90	63
Laundry Supplies	227	75
Miscellaneous	24	36
Printing, stationery, and office expenses	238	18
Pay-roll—Main building and general	5,811	75
Pay-roll—Farm and barn	1,376	25
Power plant and machinery	978	23
Repairs main building	254	88
Shoes	234	20
School supplies	87	20
Telephone	77	71
Transportation	410	40
Toilet needs	113	75

Tobacco	149 75
Table Supplies	9,085 07
Tableware	32 69
Barn incidentals, shoeing, etc	137 50
Farm and barn implements	22 75
Garden seeds, plants, etc	82 93
Harness	11 25
Farm and barn implements	22 75
Garden seeds, plants, etc	82 93
Harness	11 25
Veterinary services	18 50
Road vehicles	18 00
Stock feed, etc.	705 93
	27,187 88
Disbursements from Endowment Fund	1,385 45
Disbursements from Library Fund	40 00
Disbursements for Betterments	4,715 12
Disbursements for Maintenance	27,187 88
Total Disbursements	$33,328 45

Amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies at the sessions of 1903:

Grand Lodge	$28,519 50
Grand Chapter	6,642 75
Grand Council	1,500 00
Grand Commandery	2,500 00
	$39,162 25

Number of residents now on the rolls:

Men	61
Women	36
Boys	26
Girls	26
Total	149

Increase over last year, 17.

The following discharges have been given during the year:

Bernard M. Owen, Cincinnati.

Addison H. Maddox, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maddox, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Henrietta Wacker, Columbus.

Mae W. Williams (girl), Plymouth.

May McCullough (girl), Mansfield.

Total 6.

We have lost seven of our residents, all adults, by death during the year, as follows:

Frederick Agler, August 3, 1903, of old age and general debility, age 85.

Milton McCracken, November 17, 1903, of stomach and lung trouble, age 77.

Jacob B. Henry, February 5, 1904, of catarrhal pneumonia, age 84.

Washburne B. Graves, February 12, 1904, of heart disease and dropsy, age 76.

Mrs. Mina C. Clark, February 19, 1904, of heart disease and dropsy, age 72.

Mrs. Mary D. Cady, February 26, 1904, of old age and general debility, age 81.

Herbert R. Whiteman, June 14, 1904, of apoplexy, age 66.

It is a singular fact that four of these seven deaths occurred in the short month of February, just one week apart, and all on Friday.

Bro. Agler and Mrs. Cady were buried in the Home cemetery, the others having been taken to their former homes for interment.

On January last we were saddened by receiving intelligence from Columbus of the hopeless illness of our beloved Brother, ex-Governor Asa S. Bushnell, who had been for a number of years one of the Trustees of our Home and Chairman of our Executive Committee. Bro. Bushnell died on the 15th of January. His remains were brought home and, after lying in state at Christ Church, Episcopal, and being viewed by thousands of sorrowing friends, was, on the 18th, borne to his last resting-place in beautiful Ferncliff, many State officials and other distin-

guished men being present. Our Board of Trustees attended the service in a body, and on their return to the hotel a meeting was held, a committee consisting of Bros. William B. Melish, W. J. Akers, and J. H. Bromwell was appointed to prepare and submit appropriate resolutions expressive of the feelings of the members of the Board in this mournful event. The committee subsequently reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home, held in Springfield on Monday, January 18th, 1904, a committee consisting of William B. Melish, William J. Akers, and Jacob H. Bromwell was appointed to present a tribute of respect to the memory of Asa S. Bushnell, 33d Degree. The committee presented the following, which was, on motion, ordered spread in full upon the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to the family of our late Trustee:

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

TO

ASA S. BUSHNELL, 33°,

The insatiate conqueror of mankind, Death, has taken from the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home our beloved associate and co-worker in the cause of Masonic Charity,

ASA S. BUSHNELL, 33°.

Our harp is tuned to mourning and our organ unto the voices of those who weep.

Again we are reminded that Death reigns in all the portions of our time. Death regards not the sacred engagements and the pleasant intercourse and those improving joys which are known to Free Masons. Summoned in the midst of his usefulness, our beloved Brother has entered the Home above. We behold his sun at meridian and rejoiced at its brightness, but, alas! it soon set and the evening shades of existence closed around him forever. In our companionship of years we have enjoyed with Asa S. Bushnell the charms of a friendship founded upon the principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy. Bro. Bushnell

was an ideal Free Mason, a man of honor and of conscience, prefering his duty to everything beside, even to his life; independent in his opinions and of good morals; submissive to the laws, devoted to his family, to his country and to humanity, kind and indulgent to his Brethren; a friend to all virtuous men, and ready to assist his fellows by all means in his power. Our beloved frater died as becomes a Christian knight, with his armor on, in fullness of years and fullness of strength.

While we his memory cherish, let us his virtues imitate and his death improve. The grave does not end all. We are heirs of a large and fruitful hope. "Thy dead men shall live" in holy memories, in widening influence, in higher ideals of human life, in the perpetuated sanctities of true Christian knighthood. Our saddened hearts reverently cherish the memories of our dead with divinely-inspired longings and anticipations. We join our tears with that loved and loving wife who was the inspiration of his life, and with their children, but we mourn not as those who have no hope. The night of sorrow may be long and dark, but joy cometh in the morning. The shadows chase the sunlight here, but with the dawning of the new and immortal day the shadows will forever flee away.

We place upon our records this tribute of our love and admiration for one who was faithful, in season and out of season, in all the cares and responsibilities of the management of the Ohio Masonic Home.

We can say no more. God buries his workmen, but He carries on his work, and, after depositing the sprig of acacia and the wreath of melancholy ivy at the tomb of our Brother, let us turn to our temporal duties of carrying on that work of charity, the Masonic Home of Ohio, with which the name of Asa S. Bushnell must always be associated in loving recognition.

WM. B. MELISH,
WM. J. AKERS,
JACOB H. BROMWELL,
Committee.

The following are the returns from the barn; the work being under the direction of Bro. Albert A. Black:

Five tons rough hay, 7 tons oats hay, 104 bushels wheat, $300 worth of vegetables, 5,600 pounds pork, 303 pounds veal, 6,383 gallons of milk.

From hennery (same being under charge of Bro. J. E. Herman):

1,110 pounds dressed poultry, 1,191 1-2 dozen eggs.

We have on hand:

Five horses, 10 cows, 1 bull, 2 heifers, 7 calves, 5 brood sows, 32 pigs, 1 boar, 500 chickens, 32 ducks, 9 turkeys, 30 Belgian hares.

Believing that a few words concerning the early history of the Home would be of interest to the Craft, I beg leave to offer the following:

The first suggestion of a Masonic Home in Ohio on which official action was taken came from M. E. Grand High Priest W. B. Hillman, in his address to the Grand Chapter at the session held at Springfield, October 3d, 1888. The matter was referred to the Committee on Charity, which reported in favor of the project and recommended the appointment of a Committee of three to confer with like Committees from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

The recommendation was adopted, and the following Companions were appointed by M. E. Grand High Priest J. W. Iredell, Jr.: W. B. Hillman, W. W. Savage, and J. H. Bromwell.

At subsequent meetings of the Grand Bodies named, like Committees were appointed as follows: From the Grand Lodge —J. W. Iredell, Jr., Henry Perkins, C. C. Kiefer. From the Grand Commandery—Samuel F. Forbes, G. B. Harmon, Edwin Morrell. From the Grand Council—Levi C. Goodale, J. W. Chamberlin, T. S. Matthews.

This Joint Committee reported in favor of the project and in inviting the Scottish Rite Bodies to unite in the enterprise, all of which was approved by the various Grand Bodies, and the following appointed as members of the first Board of Trustees,

viz.: C. C. Kiefer, J. H. Bromwell, J. W. Iredell, Jr., John M. Stull, Charles A. Woodward, George D. McBride, W. B. Hillman, Leander Burdick, Levi C. Goodale, J. W. Chamberlin, G. B. Harmon, S. F. Forbes, Edwin Morrell, William B. Melish, W. J. Akers.

Of these fifteen Brothers, eight are still serving as Trustees, viz.: John M. Stull, J. W. Iredell, Jr., W. J. Akers, J. H. Bromwell, William B. Melish, Levi C. Goodale, George D. McBride, Leander Burdick.

The following Brethren have been appointed members of the Board since that date, Max J. Mack, of Cincinnati, appointed in 1890 and serving until 1896; Edward Harford, of Springfield, appointed in 1890 and still serving; Brenton D. Babcock, of Cleveland, appointed 1892 and serving until 1895; Asa S. Bushnell, of Springfield, appointed in 1893 and serving until his death in January, 1904; Gibson H. Robinson, of Cleveland, appointed in 1903 and still serving; Dr. E. J. Cutler, of Cleveland, appointed in 1896 and serving until his death in 1903; John P. McCune, of Columbus, appointed in 1896 and still serving; Henry Perkins, of Akron, appointed in 1896 and serving until his death in 1901; Nelson Williams, of Hamilton, appointed in 1899 and still serving; Martin J. Houck of Dayton, appointed in 1901 and still serving; E. L. Lybarger, of Spring Mountain, appointed in 1901 and still serving; A. F. Vance, Jr., of Urbana, appointed in 1904 and still serving.

Of the original members the following have since died, viz.: W. B. Hillman, G. B. Harmon, J. W. Chamberlin, C. C. Kiefer, Samuel F. Forbes.

Of those subsequently appointed the following have passed away: Henry Perkins, Dr. E. J. Cutler, Asa S. Bushnell.

The corner-stone of the Home was laid October 19th, 1892, M.·.W.·.Bro. Levi C. Goodale, Grand Master, presiding.

Dedicated October 23d, 1895, M.·.W.·.Bro. Carroll F. Clapp, Grand Master, presiding.

Opened for residents, April 1st, 1897.

The first year 47 persons were admitted. In 1898 the number was increased to 77, in 1899 to 115, in 1900 to 138, in 1901

to 145, in 1902 decreased to 136, in 1903 decreased to 132. This year we have increased to 149, the largest number yet reported.

Three years ago the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College, of this city, very kindly offered scholarships to any two of our children. We were not, at that time, prepared to avail ourselves of the offer. Last year, however, we sent one of our girls, Ursula Heileman, who will attend again this year, and one of our boys, Dyke Wetherell, will start in with the opening of the fall term.

Nelson's Business College, of this city, has also favored us with a scholarship for the past three years. Ada Hawx will be the student this year, commencing in September.

We very much appreciate the educational advantages thus afforded our children through the generosity of the local colleges.

We are gratified to say that while writing this report the contract for the Hospital to be erected at the Home by the Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio has been let and the foundation commenced. It is expected that the building will be under roof before cold weather sets in.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. PARSONS,
Superintendent and Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME, AUGUST 1st, 1904.

GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, August 1st, 1903	$2,160 61	
Receipts as per vouchers from 5,094 to 5,170 inclusive, except as specified below	30,634 58	
		32,795 19

Disbursements as per orders from 4,738 to 5,345 inclusive, except as specified below	30,118 20	
Balance on hand		$2,676 99

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Cash on hand last report, August 1st, 1903	29,515 04	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,102, 4, 6, 10, 16, 19, 26, 29, 31, 34, 35, 43, 48, 55, 59, 62, and 68	12,553 95	
	42,068 99	
Disbursements as per orders 4,898, 4,961, and 63	21,385 45	
Balance on hand (Of which $5,000 is the Jacob Hoffner legacy, and $15,683 54 is regular endowment fund.)	20,683 54	
Bonds in the endowment fund	20,000 00	
Total in endowment fund		40,683 54

HOSPITAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, August 1st, 1903	$53 43	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,132, 41, and 69 (of which $6,500 is from the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Ohio)	6,511 08	
	6,564 51	
Disbursements as per orders 5,205, 6, 7, 60, and 61	45 77	
Balance on hand		6,518 74

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Cash on hand last report, August 1st, 1903	999 71	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,097, 5,103, 7, 15, 49, 50, 54, and 58	866 67	
	1,866 38	

Disbursements as per orders 4,794, 5, 6, 4,801, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 97, 4,949, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 5,233, 34, 35, 36, 84, 85, 86, 5,317, 28, 29, 30, and 31	1,739 03	
Balance on hand		127 35

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond, O., bonds	1,000 00	1,000 00
Receipts as per vouchers 5,124, 27, and 51	40 00	
Disbursements as per orders 5,003 and 5,237	40 00	
Total cash and bonds in hands of Treasurer, Aug. 1st, 1904		51,006 62

There have been paid during the year interest on bonds and cash balances, $1,671.91. Fraternally submitted,

EDW. HARFORD,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 10th, 1904.

To the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN—Your Auditing Committee begs to report that is has checked up the entries and footings and compared the vouchers and books of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Home, and find them to be correct.

These accounts are for the year commencing August 1st, 1903, and ending July 31st, 1904, and are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

General fund	$30,634 58	
Endowment fund	12,553 95	
Hospital fund	6,511 08	
Ground improvement fund	866 67	
Library fund	40 00	
Total receipts		$50,606 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

General fund	30,118 20	
Ground improvement fund	1,739 03	
Library fund	40 00	
Hospital fund	45 77	
Endowment fund	1,385 45	
Total disbursements		33,328 45
Excess of receipts over disbursements		17,277 83

The balances July 31st, 1903, were:

General fund	2,160 61	
Endowment fund	29,515 04	
Hospital fund	53 43	
Ground improvement	999 71	
Library fund	1,000 00	
Total		33,728 79
Making total balance July 31st, 1904		51,006 62

The balances distributed among the various funds are as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance July 31st, 1903	$2,160 61
Receipts	30,634 58
	32,795 19
Disbursements	30,118 20
Balance July 31st, 1904	2,676 99

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance July 31st, 1903	29,515 04
Receipts	12,553 95
	42,068 99
Disbursements, premium on bonds	1,385 45
Balance July 31st, 1904 (face value)	40,683 54

HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance July 31st, 1903		53 43
Receipts		6,511 08
		6,564 51
Disbursements		45 77
Balance July 31st, 1904		6,518 74

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Balance July 31st, 1903		$999 71
Receipts		866 67
		1,866 38
Disbursements		1,739 03
Balance July 31st, 1904		127 35

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance (bonds) July 31st, 1903		1,000 00
Receipts, interest on bonds		40 00
		1,040 00
Disbursements		40 00
Balance July 31st, 1904		1,000 00

SECURITIES.

We have verified the deposit books and securities in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the following balances to the credit of the various funds represented by securities and books of deposit, viz.:

GENERAL FUND.

Certificate of Deposit No. 8,988, Springfield Savings Bank		$2,000 00
Balance on Pass Book No. 58,515, Springfield Savings Bank		676 99
		2,676 99

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Pass Book No. 14,218, Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cleveland	4,289 10
Pass Book No. 3,277, Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland	10,000 00
Pass Book No. 273,415, Society for Savings, Cleveland	5,000 00
Pass Book No. 58,567, Springfield Savings Bank	1,394 44
Youngstown School Bonds Nos. 454-458, both inclusive	5,000 00
Reading, O., Water Works Bonds Nos. 17-22, both inclusive	3,000 00
Wellsville, O., Refunding Bonds Nos. 31-50, both inclusive	10,000 00
West Milton, O., Water Works Bonds Nos. 25-26	2,000 00
Total	40,683 54

GROUND IMPROVEMENT.

Pass Book No. 54,929, Springfield Savings Bank	127 35

HOSPITAL FUND.

Columbus Savings Bank—	
Certificate No. 3,324	500 00
Certificate No. 3,404	500 00
Certificate No. 3,472	400 00
Certificate No. 4,025	750 00
Guardian Trust Co., of Cleveland—	
Certificate No. 3,621	$1,100 00
Certificate No. 3,622	300 00
Certificate No. 3,656	1,800 00
Certificate No. 3,714	750 00
Springfield Savings Bank—	
Certificate No. 8,992	400 00
Pass Book No. 52,623	18 74
Total	6,518 74

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond Water Works and Electric Light Bonds—

Certificates Nos. 103 and 104..... 1,000 00

We are pleased to report that the books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer are accurately and neatly kept, and that all entries are made and posted to date.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BROMWELL,
NELSON WILLIAMS,
Auditing Committee.

Necrology-Obituary.

Companion Rev. John L. Roemer, Chairman of the Committee, reported, and asked leave to prepare the report and furnish the same to the Grand Recorder for the Printed Proceedings, which was consented to.

Foreign Correspondence.

Companion William M. Cunningham, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee and asked that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Assembly.

On motion, is was so ordered.

Recess.

On motion of Companion George D. McBride, it was agreed that when this Grand Council takes a recess, it shall reassemble at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the first order of business on the reassembling be the election of Grand Officers.

On motion, the Grand Council now recessed, until 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN F. LANE,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Council re-convened, invocation by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion Rev. John L. Roemer.

Election of Grand Officers.

The time having arrived for the special order of business, viz.: the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, the Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed

Companions JOSEPH KIRKUP,
THOMAS C. COATES,
W. E. JACOBY,

as tellers, and choice was made by ballot, as follows, viz:

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,
Companion WILLIAM A. SPILL, Warren.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
Companion EDWARD H. ARCHER, Columbus.

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
Companion HENRY TRUE, Marion.

Right Ilustrious Grand Recorder,
Companion WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.

Time and Place.

Companion Daniel Koch, Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee, which, was on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Your Committee on Time and Place, respectfully report that we recommend that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand

Council, shall be held at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the day preceeding the Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio, in 1905, and at the same place as that in which said Convocation shall be held.

Fraternally submitted,

DANIEL KOCH,
JOHN C. VANDEN,
A. F. KREAGER,
Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Companion Lewis M. Lea, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the report of the Committee, which, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report, that we find no unfinished business to bring before this Grand Council.

Zealously and Fraternally,

LEWIS M. LEA,
JOHN M. BRODERICK,
A. H. PRICE,
Committee.

Committee on Accounts.

Companion I. L. Oppenheimer, from the Committee, made report as follows, which, was on motion, adopted.

To the Most Ill. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Your Committee on Accounts beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and those of the Grand Recorder, have compared the same with their books and vouchers, and find them correct.

We find that the Grand Recorder has received, during the year, $4,406.50, and has paid the same to the Grand Treasurer, for which he holds his receipt.

Amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer last year	$5,324 61
Received during the year	4,406 50
Total	$9,731 11
Disbursements during the year	4,218 37
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$5,512 74

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the payment of the following items:

Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder, one year's salary	$300 00
same office rent	100 00
same making pay-roll	10 00
same office expense	125 75
John F. Lane, M. Ill. Gr. M., expenses visiting councils, etc.	76 13
Rev. Jno. L. Roemer, Gr. Chaplain	10 00
Chas. H. Giessen, Gr. Sentinel	15 00
Henry True, Gr. Treasurer	15 00
W. M. Cunningham, Chairman Committee Foreign correspondence	100 00
Total	$751 88

We further recommend that $500.00 be appropriated to the current expense fund of the Masonic Home and that an additional sum of $1,500.00 be donated to the Endowment Fund of the said Home.

We recommend that so much of the report of the Masonic Home Trustees as may be deemed advisable by the Committee on Masonic Home and the Grand Recorder, be received, and that same be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

GEO. D. COPELAND,
I. L. OPPENHEIMER,
GEO. W. FELS,

Committee.

Grievance.

Companion Lewis P. Schaus, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Grievance, take great pleasure in reporting that they have discovered no grievance in this Grand Council, that harmony and peace prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and we sincerely hope that this condition may continue through all time.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

LEWIS P. SCHAUS,
ROBERT V. HAMPSON,
GEORGE P. CONNER,
Committee.

Cryptic Jurisprudence.

Companion Graff M. Acklin, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a partial report of the Committee, which, was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, have carefully considered the decisions reported by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and find the same to be in accordance with the law of this Grand Jurisdiction, and recommend that the same be approved.

For the purpose of preventing any misunderstanding as to Decision Number One (1) your Committee would suggest that the language of the answer be modified, to read as follows:

"It is proper for a Council Under Dispensation to receive Petitions, ballot on Candidates and confer the Degrees on the

date named in the Dispensation for Organization, after the Council has been regularly organized under such Dispensation."

Fraternally Submitted,

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
JACOB H. BROMWELL,
EDMUND B. KING,

Committee.

Additional Report from Committee on Jurisprudence.

Companion Edmund B. King, for the Committee, made the following additional report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence offers the following reso lution, and recommends its adoption, viz:

"Amend Article XI of the By-Laws, by inserting after the word 'Council' on line 3, the following, 'including, in the case of Councils under Dispensation, all who have been Advanced to the Degree of Select Master, and also the Petitioners for the Dispensation, who are not members of consenting Councils.'"

And your Committee also recommend the adoption of the following By-Law, to be known and numbered as Article V of the By-Laws:

ARTICLE V. BY-LAWS.

"The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, shall each, within twenty days after his Installation, enter a good and sufficient Bond to be approved by the Grand Master, in the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars, payable to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, conditioned that he shall faithfully account for all moneys and effects of the Grand Council, that may come into his hands, and shall otherwise perform the duties of his office, as prescribed by the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Council."

Fraternally Submitted,

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
JACOB H. BROMWELL,
EDMUND B. KING,

Committee.

Companion King moved that this report go over under the rules to the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council for consideration, which was adopted.

Additional Report from Committee on Jurisprudence.

Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, from the Committee, made the following additional report.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, recognizing the fact that the question of the powers and privileges of Councils under Dispensation is not well understood, and for the purpose of making more clear the standing and rights of such Councils, offers for adoption the following amendment to Article I, Section 6, of the Constitution, viz:

"Insert after the word 'Council' in line eight of said Section, the following:

"Such Councils under Dispensation shall have all the rights and powers of regularly Constituted Councils, except, that of receiving and acting upon Petitions for Affiliation and of collecting dues from petitioners for the Dispensation who are members of consenting Councils."

Your Committee moves that said proposed amendment shall be laid over in accordance with the provisions of Article I, Section II, of the Constitution, to the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
JACOB H. BROMWELL,
EDMUND B. KING,

Committee.

The motion of the Committee was adopted.

Subordinate Returns.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio:

Companion Arthur P. Crane, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

Reports from sixty-one Councils, Subordinate to this Grand Council have been submitted to your Committee, of these fifty-nine reports were from Councils regularly Constituted, and two from Councils under Dispensation. Upon examination, they were found to be correct. The general neatness in form and matter were noticeable and unusual. This is not surprising, from the fact that each had passed the inspection of the Grand Recorder, before reaching the hands of your Committee.

Courteously Submitted,

A. P. CRANE,
T. M. ROSEBERRY,
JOHN G. AUGUSTINE,

Committee.

Good of the Order.

Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Good of the Order respectfully reports that they again have the pleasure of stating that the members of the Cryptic Rite have continued cause for gratitude for the great prosperity and harmony that prevails, not only in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio, as we learn from the address of our Grand Master, and the reports of our Grand Treasurer and Recorder, but throughout the length and breadth of our beloved country, as we are informed by the General Grand Master, and the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of the United States in the recently printed proceedings of the General Grand Council.

The pride of our Grand Master in referring to the fact, that, the Grand Council of Ohio continues to have on its rolls a greater number of Royal and Select Masters, than any other Grand Council in the world, is pardonable and cause for rejoicing, and should be an incentive for further zealous labor in the good work.

Your Committee believes that the system of Annual Inspections of each of the Councils of our State, is one of the principal causes of the prominent position held by our Grand Council among its sister Grand Councils. It brings together in a fraternal reunion the Companions of each Council, and under the kindly criticisms of the Inspecting Officer, the Officers and Companions are incited to a greater perfection in rendering the beautiful ceremonies of the Council Degrees. The Inspection also awakens an interest in true and tried Royal Arch Masons, who petition to be greeted as Royal and Select Masters, and who we are glad to receive and welcome in our Councils.

We therefore earnestly recommend a continuance of the system of Annual Inspections.

Your Committee have carefully considered the suggestion of our Grand Master, "That hereafter Recorders of Subordinate Councils be required to make out three copies of their Annual Reports, and send one to the Grand Master, one to the Grand Recorder, and retain the other himself," and recommend that our Grand Recorder prepare a blank form, upon which will be shown a summary or recapitulation of the full and complete Annual Report of each Council, and the Recorder of each Council promptly forward the same to the Grand Master.

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of our Grand Master's address, suggesting that Resolution No. 14, on page 23 of the Code be amended,

Recommend that after the words "Super-Excellent Master," there be inserted the words "or Royal and Select Master may."

Fraternally Submitted,
ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
HENRY E. MORRISON,
JOHN T. MILLER,
Committee.

Charters and Dispensations.

Companion William T. McLean, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, which, was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, make report, that after careful examination of the Records and By-Laws, and due consideration of the application for a Charter by Fostoria Council U. D. stationed at Fostoria, Ohio, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted. Would also recommend that a Charter be granted to Matchett Council U. D. located at Greenville, Ohio.

In the matter of the application of Ohio Council U. D. located at Ironton, Ohio, would recommend that it be continued under Dispensation, until the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

In the matter of the change in the By-Laws as submitted by Marion Council No. 22, and Elyria Council No. 86, we would respectfully recommend that they be approved, and that proposed by Lima Council, No. 20, be not approved, as it is not in accord with Section 2, Article 5, of the Constitution of this Grand Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

WILLIAM T. MCLEAN,
WILLIAM B. ANDERSON,
DAVID C. WINEGARNER,

Committee.

Pay Roll.

On motion, the Committee of Pay-Roll were instructed to provide one day's per diem.

Jewel for the Retiring Grand Master.

Companion Jacob H. Bromwell offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to procure the usual Jewel, for presentation to our retiring Most Illustrious Grand Master, and to present the same to him at some favorable opportunity.

The Grand Master-Elect appointed Companions Jacob H. Bromwell, William A. Spill, and Lewis P. Schaus, said Committee.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion Edmund B. King offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Council fully appreciates the continued courtesies of the members of the Central Passenger Association, in granting the members of this Grand Body reduced railroad transportation to this Annual Assembly.

Letter from Central Passenger Association.

CHICAGO, November 15th, 1904.

Mr. Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder, Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Chillicothe, Ohio:

DEAR SIR:—I assure you that I am grateful to receive the kindly remarks conveyed by your letter of November 11th, in which you express, in behalf of the Grand Council of Ohio, Royal and Select Masters, appreciation of the special fares accorded by the lines of this Association on the occasion of your last annual assembly.

Yours Truly,

F. C. DONALD,
Commissioner.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion George P. Conner offered the following resolution of thanks to the Companions of the city of Columbus, Ohio, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due to the Companions of this city, for many courtesies shown us while in session, in this our Annual Assembly, also to the Trustees of The Masonic Temple Company, for the use of their handsome and convenient rooms.

Annual Proceedings.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have 600 copies of the Proceedings of this Assembly printed, and distribute them as usual.

Appointed Grand Officers.

Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain,
Companion REV. JOHN L. ROEMER, Chillicothe.

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards,
Companion MILTON B. DICKERSON, Marion.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council,
Companion WARREN J. BAKER, Toledo.

Illustrious Grand Steward,
Companion CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Cleveland.

Illustrious Grand Sentinel,
Companion I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Pomeroy.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

In accordance with the time-honored custom of our Masonic Bodies your Committee on Obituaries would place upon the records of the Grand Council the names of some Companions who have been more or less distinguished in Cryptic Masonry in our own and sister Jurisdictions.

The Grim Reaper stays not his hand and before his will must bow young and old, gay and grave, strong and weak. He is no respecter of persons. Our hope in the face of the certain fact of death is being clothed with immortality when our mortality is stripped from us. The familiar faces vanish only awhile. Companionship ceases with us only for a period. In the assemblage of the Grand Council above there will be no obituary committee for the vocabulary of death shall have forever perished.

OHIO.

Within our own Jurisdiction many have bowed to the behest of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe. The limited space of the printed record, and the limited knowledge of your Committee of the lives, makes mention of every deceased Companion impossible. Of the number there is one, S. Stacker Williams, who, having served with distinction his beloved order is specially remembered in our printed pages by one who is more familiar with his life and Masonic record, than your committee.

NEW YORK.

The vacant chair, the extinguished light once so brightly burning, the unfinished designs upon the trestle-board left for other hands to finish, reminds us of the departure of Right Illustrious Companion, Benjamin Strasser. He was born at Easton, Pa., February 18th, 1849, died at his home in Albany, N. Y., February 28th, 1904. In Cryptic Masonry, Companion Strasser was an earnest and very active worker. He was Grand Conductor of the Grand Council. At home, where he was best known, he is spoken of in the most endearing terms as a Brother, Friend and Citizen.

ARKANSAS.

One of the oldest members of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas, Companion W. K. Dobbins, Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, for the year 1870, passed away at Little Rock, June 24th, 1904, in the eighty-third year of his age. In fraternal reverence for his memory appropriate resolutions and records were made in the state where he had so long labored. His re-

mains were conveyed to Conway, Ark., which had once been his home, and were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, attended with reverent affection by members of his Lodge, Chapter and Council.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Ferdinand Ulrich, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina, died suddenly at Johns Hopkins' Hospital, Baltimore, Md., August 8th, 1904, after an illness of short duration. He was born in the City of New York and went to North Carolina with his parents, early in life. His Masonic career began in 1875 and at his death he had received all the degrees, save one, in the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies. His career was that of a Christian, God-fearing man. Firm and decided in his views, he has left a record worthy of imitation.

MISSOURI.

With Masonic honors the mortal remains of Past Grand Master ELIJAH H. PHELPS were laid to rest in Kansas City, February 21st, 1904, dissolution having taken place the 18th inst. Companion Phelps was a product of New England, hailing from Hadlyme, Conn., where he was born January 4th, 1840. Wending his way westward he earned a livelihood by teaching, entered journalism for a period of twelve years, was a clerk in the Legislature of Illinois during the notable strife for a seat in the Senate between Richard Oglesby and John A. Logan. He found a resting place in Kansas City in 1882, engaging in business in that city until his death. He entered the Secret Vault in Shekinah Council, No. 24, and was greeted a Select Master, January 29th, 1892. In 1892 he was elected Thrice Illustrious Master. He served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters as Marshal in 1894, Principal Conductor of the Work in 1895, Deputy Grand Master in 1896, and Grand Master in 1897.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. L. ROEMER,
Chairman of the Committee.

S. STACKER WILLIAMS

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Born March 20th, 1836—Died April 3rd, 1904.

After a long and hopeless illness, our beloved Companion, S. Stacker Williams, has responded to the summons for which he has been so patiently waiting for several years. Stricken years ago with a fatal illness, he did not lay aside his working tools as many others would have done in like physical condition, but with that indomitable will which has been one of his distinguished characteristics he labored on and on, until the palsied tongue refused to speak, and the palsied hand refused to obey the dictates of the brain, and then, and then only, did he confess that he was mastered. This was some two years ago and since that time he patiently awaited the end.

He was born on March 20th, 1836, at Dover in Stewart County, Tennessee. He subsequently removed to Ohio and made this State his home until the time of his death. His Masonic record is as follows:

On March 17th, 1864, he was made a Master Mason in Center Star Lodge, No. 11, at Granville in Licking County, and in 1867 he became Worshipful Master of said Lodge. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Warren Chapter, No. 6, at Newark, on February 6th, 1865, and became High Priest of the Chapter in 1881. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Bigelow Council, No. 7, at Newark, on February 8th, 1865, and became Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council in 1880. He was created a Knight Templar in Clinton Commandery, No. 5, at Mt. Vernon, on April 22nd, 1865; became a member of Newark Commandery, No. 34, at Newark, by affiliation, on May 25th, 1880, and on October 15th, 1886, he became a charter member of St. Luke's Commandery, No. 34, at Newark. He was Eminent Commander of his Commandery in 1882 and 1883.

He became a member of Ohio Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32nd Degree, at Cincinnati in December, 1865, and was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree, and honorary member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, at Providence, R. I., on September 20th, 1887.

He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge

of Ohio in 1867. In 1881, and again in 1883 and 1884 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and in 1885, and again in 1886 and 1887 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. It was during the time of his service as Grand Master that the Cerneau troubles in Ohio culminated, and while there has been, and will continue to be differences of opinion as to whether the best methods were employed in the settlement of that troublesome controversy, the fact remains that, having adopted the open combat policy, no man in Ohio was so well qualified to lead the forces of legitimate Freemasonry to a successful issue, as was our lamented Companion and Brother. He never did things by halves, and in that controversy, having satisfied himself that he was right in his position, he marshaled his forces, and, swerving neither to the right nor to the left, he drove spurious Freemasonry out of the Grand Lodge and all of its subordinates, and by aid of the courts, established the doctrine that a Masonic Grand Lodge is an authority supreme in itself, touching all matters of purely Masonic nature.

He was a great Masonic student and acquired a large Masonic library which he donated to the Grand Lodge when he found that his days of usefulness were ended. He served many years as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Council of Ohio, and his reports were widely read and favorably commented upon by prominent Masons throughout the world. He was the Venerable President of the Masonic Veteran Association for twelve years, and was also President of the National Association. He died at Washington C. H. in this state, and was buried in the cemetery of his home city of Newark on April 5th, 1904.

Companion Williams was not a man of negative character, pliant, without opinions and convictions, fearing to give offense or in some way lose by forcibly speaking his mind; on the contrary, he was a man of fixed and firm convictions and was at all times obstinate in the advocacy of what he thought to be right. He was sometimes sharp and severe in his denunciation of those who seemed to him to be in the wrong, but he was devoted in his friendship, had a generous heart and quick sympathies, and

the remembrance of fraternal affection and kindly deeds will keep his memory green in the hearts of his brethren.

And now we close this brief memoir with the solemn thought that the way appointed for our deceased Companion to the realms of the hidden mystery, is the way appointed for each one of us, and that sooner or later we must obey the dread summons of the grim messenger Death, and go to be numbered among the countless throng which ever increases on the unseen shore.

NELSON WILLIAMS.

IN MEMORIAN

THIS PAGE

By Order of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio,

IS

Fraternally Dedicated, and set apart to the Beloved Memory of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER JURISDICTIONS

who have died during the years

1903 and 1904.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the Memory of One Hundred and Ten Companions

Whose Deaths are Reported in the Returns of

July 31st, A. D. 1904.

HENRY HENLY	July 31, 1904	Cincinnati,	No.	1
ANDREW HICKENLOOPER	May 12, 1904	"	"	1
JOHN L. STETTINIUS	March 9, 1904	"	"	1
THOMAS G. ROBINSON	December 1, 1903	"	"	1
GEORGE H. WOLFF	———	"	"	1
GEORGE P. FISHER	October 18, 1903	Union	"	2
JOHN H. MILLER	February 4, 1904	Chillicothe	"	4
ORLAND SMITH	October 3, 1903	"	"	4
ENDYMON S. BROWN	March 12, 1904	Bigelow	"	7
CHARLES B. GRIFFIN	March 5, 1904	"	"	7
JOHN B. KIRKPATRICK	March 21, 1904	"	"	7
WILLIAM G. TAAFEL	July 28, 1904	"	"	7
S. STACKER WILLIAMS	April 3, 1904	"	"	7
JOHN G. ATKINSON	December 24, 1903	Columbus	"	8
FRANK M. BEEBE	October 27, 1903	"	"	8
A. B. CUMMINGS	August 8, 1903	"	"	8
C. E. GORDON	July 7, 1904	"	"	8
W. L. KUDD	August 8, 1903	"	"	8
D. R. KINSELL	April 4, 1904	"	"	8
HENRY KAUFFMAN	March 17, 1904	"	"	8
B. F. MARTIN	April 4, 1904	"	"	8
WM. H. MCDERMITH	January 1, 1904	"	"	8
GEORGE F. TWITCHELL	March 10, 1904	"	"	8
THOMAS T. TRESS	April 27, 1904	"	"	8
G. M. WHITE	October 17, 1903	"	"	8
FERDINAND DOEBLING	May 9, 1904	Reese	"	9
GEORGE W. KEMP	February 11 1904	"	"	9
JOHN A. MILLER	November 4, 1903	"	"	9
JAMES K. NEWCOMER	May 28, 1904	"	"	9
JOHN W. WEIDNER	September 21, 1903	"	"	9
ALVA B. SLACK	September 13, 1903	Zanesville	"	12
WILLIAM W. FIRESTONE	January 25, 1904	Wooster	"	13
HARRY R. GRIFFIN	March 29, 1904	"	"	13
JAMES M. QUIMBY	June 3, 1904	"	"	13
ASA S. BUSHNELL	January 15, 1904	Springfield	"	17
JAMES M. BENNETT	April 27, 1904	"	"	17
ANDREW N. BROOKE	February 2, 1904	"	"	17
CYRUS B. KISSELL	October 29, 1903	"	"	17
OLIVER S. KELLY	April 11, 1904	"	"	17
HENRY L. KEPSAY	July 28, 1904	"	"	17
THOMAS E. LOTT	January 22, 1904	"	"	17
FRANK MYERS	June 1, 1904	"	"	17
WILLIAM MCCLELLAN	February 22, 1904	"	"	17
CHARLES STROUD	April 10, 1904	"	"	17
JOSEPH W. SPAHR	October 12, 1903	"	"	17
THOMAS J. THOMAS	December 10, 1903	"	"	17
ALEXANDER B. MCMURRAY	September 8, 1903	Marion	"	22
GEORGE E. SMITH	April 23, 1904	"	"	22

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON R. YOUNG	September 10, 1903	Marion	No.	22
ISAAC UNCAPHER	November 9, 1903	"	"	22
CHARLES H. KULENCAMP	December 9, 1903	"	"	22
OLIVER W. WILLIAMS	March 9, 1904	Norwalk	"	24
FRED. J. PHILBY	November 1903	Sandusky City	"	26
REUBEN S. CANADAY	May 31, 1904	Moriah	"	32
WILLIAM P. SMALL	June 24, 1904	"	"	32
JOHN T. GREER	March 26, 1904	Toledo	"	33
E. DARWIN LOCK	July 8, 1904	"	"	33
JAMES M. MCNAMAR	December 1903	"	"	33
LANGDON P. SMITH	November 14, 1903	"	"	33
HENRY A. CAVNAH	January 26, 1904	Canton	"	35
FRANK E. HART	October 22, 1903	"	"	35
JOHN KRAUSE	October 16, 1903	"	"	35
JAMES M. CARTER	December 6, 1903	Cleveland	"	36
ELI ELY	July 5, 1904	"	"	36
ORIMEL HAYWARD	March 5, 1904	"	"	36
JOSEPH INGERSOLL	May 25, 1904	"	"	36
ABNER ROYCE	December 2, 1903	"	"	36
JOHN W. SCOTT	August 18, 1903	"	"	36
SILAS M. STONE	April 24, 1904	"	"	36
C. B. HART	March 30,1904	Conneaut	"	40
JAMES G. PALMER	September 19, 1903	"	"	40
EDWARD W. CHANDLER	June 4, 1904	London	"	41
CHARLES A. MURPHY	September 29, 1903	Omega	"	44
THOMAS J. WALTON	April 14, 1904	"	"	44
S. D. WEBB	January 23, 1904	Bosworth	"	46
THOMAS J. WEST	November 18, 1903,	Clinton	"	47
WILLIAM F. DITTMER	June 27, 1904	Oc-co-nox-ee	"	55
E. BERNARD HOOKER	November 22, 1903	"	"	55
FRANCIS A. WINDIATE	January 6, 1904	"	"	55
W. J. CHALFANT	November 1903	Gebal	"	56
SAMUEL SLADE	July 5, 1904	"	"	56
W. R. EDWARDS	June 24, 1904	Warren	"	58
WILLIAM ISLES	July 2, 1904	"	"	58
ANDREW J. LEITCH	May 7, 1904	"	"	58
B. FRANK PACKARD	March 14, 1904	"	"	58
SCOTT C. BOGGS	February 7, 1904	Tyrian	"	60
BATTEAL H. MOORE	September 9, 1904	"	"	60
WILLIAM THOMPSON	June 29, 1904	Fremont	"	64
J. C. CAMPBELL	July 22, 1904	Kenton	"	65
JOHN M. CARR	July 8, 1904	"	"	65
JOSEPH W. DICKELMAN	December 5, 1903	"	"	65
AMERICUS V. MARKHAM	December 9, 1903	Trowel	"	71
W. H. SEIGEL	July 18, 1904	Delphos	"	72
WILLIAM M. FLARARTY	April 4, 1904	Van Wert	"	73
JOHN LANE LOCKE	May 30, 1904	Guernsey	"	74
JOHN M. ARMSTRONG	July 14, 1904	Kinsman	"	76
HERMAN J. GOETZE	September 2, 1902	Wyoming	"	77
FERDINAND SCHMIDT	July 11, 1904	"	"	77
JOSEPH W. HOLDEN	August 12, 1903	Marietta	"	78
ALBERT T. JOHNSON	December 25, 1903	Solomon	"	79
HENRY BOEKSTED	December 2, 1903	Akron	"	80
JOHN J. HUNSIEKER	May 20, 1904	"	"	80
HERBERT R. WHITEMAN	June 14, 1904	"	"	80
J. P. KORNER	May 15, 1904	Bellevue	"	82
JAMES M. RODENBERG	August 30, 1903	"	"	82
EDWARD C. ROEHR	November 12, 1903	Gwynn	"	83
CHARLES H MCELROY	March 1, 1904	Delaware	"	84
CHARLES ROGERS	October 28, 1903	Logan	"	85
FRED H. ELLIS	January 11, 1904	Elyria	"	86
CHARELS F. LENTZ	March 14, 1904	S. S. Jewell	"	89

Grand Representatives.

The Roll of the Grand Representative was called by the Grand Recorder, and the following were present:

Arkansas,	Comp.	GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California,	"	ARTHUR P. CRANE.
Connecticut,	"	EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado,	"	CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida,	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia,	"	HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois,	"	WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory,	"	GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana,	"	NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa,	"	WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Kansas,	"	JACOB H. BROMWELL.
Kentucky,		
Louisiana,		
Maine,	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,		
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
New Brunswick,	"	FRED W. ADAMS.
Nebraska,	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire,	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey,		
New York,	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM
North Carolina,	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon,	"	DAVID C. WINEGARER.
Pennsylvania,	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,		
Vermont,	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina,	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee,		
Washington,	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin,		
England and Wales,	"	MOSES H. LEVAGOOD.
Canada,	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council,	'	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

Installation of Grand Officers.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were presented by Illustrious Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, acting as Grand Marshal, to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Graff M. Acklin, and were installed in Ample form and Proclamation made.

No further business claiming the attention of the Grand Council, the Grand Recorder read the records, which were approved.

After devotional exercises by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters closed its Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly, to meet in the City of Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October, (the 3rd), A. D. 1905, Y. D. 2905, the day preceeding the Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Nelson Williams

M. Ill. Grand Master

ATTEST:

W. C. Grand

R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

Organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

At a convention at Worthington, Ohio, January 6th, 1880, delegates from Councils at Cincinnati, Steubenville, Granville, Lancaster and Chillicothe, organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Companion Robert T. Lytle, of Cincinnati, in the Chair and Companion William J. Reese, of Lancaster, Secretary.

Assembly	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Principal Conductor of Work	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Place of Meeting	Date.
1st.	Rev. Robt. Punchon...	Samuel Stockeley.....	James Gates.....	Robt. T. Lytle.....	William J. Reese..	Worthington	Jan. 6, 1880
2nd.	"	Wm. Gwynn.....	William J. Reese.....	John Noble.....	James D. Caldwell	Columbus...	Jan. 6, 1881
3rd.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1882
4th.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1883
5th.	Wm. J. Reese.....	Henry Sage.....	William Y. Emmitt...	"	"	Columbus...	Jan. 9, 1884
6th.	"	Samuel Stockeley.....	George C. Gephart....	"	"	"	Jan. 8, 1885
7th.	"	Samuel Reed.....	"	"	"	"	Jan. 7, 1886
8th.	"	"	"	"	"	Lancaster...	June 23, 1887
9th.	Wm. B. Thrall.....	James Gates.....	Arthur C. Davis.....	George Meyers....	"	"	June 21, 1888
10th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 18, 1889
11th.	"	Wm. Hunter.....	Phiny M. Crume.....	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1840
12th.	"	Isaac C. Copelen.....	Adam J. Leslie.....	"	"	"	Oct. 21, 1841
13th.	"	George D. Hine.....	A. S. Sanford.....	"	"	"	Oct. 20, 1842
14th.	John W. Milligan	George C. Gephart....	Joseph Hildreth.....	Isaac C. Copelen...	"	"	Oct. 24, 1843
15th.	"	"	Absalom Death.....	"	Benjamin F. Smith	Columbus...	Oct. 25, 1844
16th.	"	Joseph Hildreth.....	George L. Shinnick ..	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1845
17th.	Absalom Death.....	Kimball Porter.....	M. Z. Kreider	"	"	Dayton.....	Oct. 22, 1846
18th.	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus....	Sept. 16, 1847
19th.	"	George L. Shinnick...	Jonas Ward.....	"	"	"	Sept. 28, 1848
20th.	William B. Dodd.....	Samuel H. Bancroft...	"	"	"	Steubenville.	Oct. 18, 1849
21st.	"	George L. Shinnick...	John M. Barrere.....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct. 17, 1850
22nd.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1851
23rd.	John M. Barrere.....	Thomas Orr.....	F. J. Phillips.....	"	John D. Caldwell..	Chillicothe...	Oct. 21, 1852
24th.	"	Samuel B. Pruden.....	J. W. Kennedy.....	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1853
25th.	"	"	Gottlieb Steinman	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1854
26th.	"	George Keifer.....	"	"	"	Mansfield...	Oct. 18, 1855
27th.	"	"	Joseph Hildreth.....	"	"	Zanesville...	Oct. 16, 1856
28th.	John M. Parks.....	"	Charles C. Kiefer.....	"	"	Massillon....	Oct. 15, 1857
29th.	"	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell.....	"	"	Columbus...	Oct. 14, 1858
30th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 14, 1859
31st	Charles C. Kiefer.....	Jacob Y. Cantwell,....	Stith M. Sullivan.....	"	"	"	Oct. 11, 1860
32nd.	"	James S. Reeves.....	"	"	"	"	Oct. 10, 1861
33rd	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell.....	William F. Hills.....	Flavius J. Phillips.	"	"	Oct. 15, 1862
34th.	Timothy B. Fisher....	W. M. Cunningham...	Charles Brown.....	"	"	"	Oct. 15, 1863

35th.	Wm. M. Cunningham	Isaac Robertson	Henry H. Wagoner	Flavius J. Phillips.	John D. Caldwell.	Cleveland	Oct.	13, 1864
36th.	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus	Sept.	5, 1865
37th.	"	Joseph R. Conrad	Edgar A. Hopkins	"	"	Toledo	Oct.	11, 1866
38th.	Charles Brown	"	Calvin Halladay	"	"	Cincinnati	Oct.	10, 1867
39th.	"	"	"	"	"	Dayton	Oct.	16, 1868
40th.	Joseph R. Conrad	Calvin Halladay	Henry Theobald	"	"	Cleveland	Oct.	15, 1869
41st.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati	Sept.	13, 1870
42nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky	Sept.	26, 1871
43rd.	"	Peter L. Wilson	John M. Benjamin	"	"	Columbus	Oct.	1, 1872
44th.	Henry Theobald	"	O. A. B. Senter	"	"	Toledo	Sept.	2, 1873
45th.	"	S. W. Courtright	"	"	"	Dayton	Sept.	9, 1874
46th.	S. W. Courtright	Orestes A. B. Senter	Henry Newbegin	"	"	Put-in-Bay	Sept.	8, 1875
47th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Aug.	30, 1876
48th.	"	"	Stith M. Sullivan	"	"	Cleveland	Aug.	29, 1877
49th.	O. A. B. Senter	Stith M. Sullivan	Jos. M. Goodspeed	Samuel B. Evans.	"	Columbus	Oct.	10, 1878
50th.	"	"	"	"	"	Akron	Oct.	16, 1879
51st.	Joseph M. Goodspeed	Levi C. Goodale	D. P. Chamberlin	"	"	Chillicothe	Oct.	14, 1880
52nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Toledo	Sept.	21, 1881
53rd.	Levi C. Goodale	D. P. Chamberlin	D. C. Winegarner	"	"	Newark	Sept.	20, 1882
54th.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky	Oct.	11, 1883
55th.	D. P. Chamberlin	D. C. Winegarner	George D. McBride	"	"	Tiffin	Sept.	16, 1884
56th.	"	"	"	"	"	Cleveland	Oct.	6, 1885
57th.	D. C. Winegarner	George D. McBride	Graff M. Acklin	"	"	Toledo	Oct.	7, 1886
58th.	"	"	"	"	"	Steubenville	Oct.	5, 1887
59th.	George D. McBride	Graff M. Acklin	Edwin Morrell	"	"	Springfield	Oct.	2, 1888
60th.	"	"	"	"	"	Findlay	Sept.	10, 1889
61st.	Graff M. Acklin	Edwin Morrell	Lewis M. Lea	"	"	Marion	Sept.	23, 1890
62nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati	Oct.	6, 1891
63rd.	Edwin Morrell	Lewis M. Lea	John S. White	"	William E. Evans.	Zanesville	Sept.	27, 1892
64th.	"	"	"	"	"	Marietta	Sept.	26, 1893
65th.	Lewis M. Lea	John S. White	Arthur P. Crane	"	"	Columbus	Sept.	18, 1894
66th.	John S. White	Arthur P. Crane	John B. Romans	"	"	Cleveland	Sept.	10, 1895
67th.	Arthur P. Crane	John B. Romans	Henry E. Morrison	"	"	Sandusky	Oct.	6, 1896
68th.	John B. Romans	Henry E. Morrison	Wm. T. McLean	"	"	Springfield	Sept.	28, 1897
69th.	Henry E. Morrison	Wm. T. McLean	Wm. B. Anderson	"	"	Cincinnati	Sept.	27, 1898
70th.	Wm. T. McLean	Wm. B. Anderson	George D. Copeland	"	"	Cleveland	Sept.	26, 1899
71st.	Wm. B. Anderson	George D. Copeland	Jewett Palmer	"	"	Columbus	Oct.	9, 1900
72nd.	Geo. D. Copeland	Jewett Palmer	John F. Lane	"	"	Toledo	Sept.	24, 1901
73rd.	Jewett Palmer	John F. Lane	Nelson Williams	Henry True	"	Lima	Sept.	23, 1902
74th.	John F. Lane	Nelson Williams	Wm. A. Spill	"	"	Akron	Oct.	13, 1903
75th.	Nelson Williams	William A. Spill	Edward H. Archer	"	"	Columbus	Oct.	4, 1904

*No meetings these years.

Analysis of Subordinate Returns to Grand Recorder, October 4th, 1904.

Number.	NAME OF COUNCIL.	No. Members 1903.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended Un. M. C.	Expelled.	No. Members 1904.	Cash Received.	TH. ILL. MASTER.	RECORDER.
1	Cincinnati	208	20	1		1	5	2			221	$ 120 50	Dan'l Koch	Jos. Kirkup.
2	Union	102	12	1			1	1			113	62 50	G. P. Wilson	H. R. Linton.
4	Chillicothe	169	22			3	2	1			185	108 50	A. E. Culter	J. W. Best.
7	Bigelow	167	23		1	1	5	1			184	104 00	L. P. Schaus	A. P. Taylor.
8	Columbus	471	40			2	12				497	268 50	B. O. Brown, P. C. W.	W. E. Joseph.
9	Reese	415	53	1	1	2	5	1			462	258 00	John T. Miller	C. D. Kidd.
12	Zanesville	138	15			1	1				151	88 00	J. B. Carson	C. S. Hoskinson.
13	Wooster	52	6	1			3				56	unpaid	G. J. Schwartz	W. L. Firestone.
14	Franklin	95	11			9		1			96	58 50	H. G. Rossiter	E. M. Faulkner.
15	Athens	89	5	1	1			1			95	50 50	C. W. Harris	J. A. Palmer.
16	Hillsboro	33	26		1			2			58	43 00	O. N. Sams	C. W. Anderson.
17	Springfield	215	20				12	3			220	120 00	W. E. Copenhaver	O. H. Anderson.
19	Hamilton	91	8	1	1			3			98	53 50	W. J. Klein	W. A. Seward.
20	Lima	101	17	3	14	2		12			121	79 00	Geo. P. Connor	Wallace Landis.
22	Marion	206	19	1	2	1	5	6			216	118 50	J. H. Bartram	George S. McGuire.
24	Norwalk	57	3			2	1	12			45	24 00	C. Roscoe	J. H. Gross.
26	Sandusky City	161	4	1	1	2	1				164	84 50	E. B. King	J. D. Lea.
32	Moriah	79	7		1	2	2				83	45 50	G. R. Lockwood	John C. Vanden.
33	Toledo	379	71		1	2	4	7			438	255 00	F. H. Brukseiker	E. W. Eastell.
35	Canton	143	24		2	1	3	5			160	99 00	S. T. Keith	Chas. Silverman.
36	Cleveland	512	61	3		2	7	3			564	312 50	G. H. Veldhuis	H. E. Morrison.
39	Hockhocking	53	3								56	29 50	A. W. Mauk	C. H. Keynes.
40	Conneaut	146	17				2			3	158	87 50	W. F. Stanley	C. H. Simonds.
41	London	50	3				1	18			34	18 50	B. P. Jones	C. E. Arbuckle.
44	Omega	111	9				2	6			112	60 50	J. G. Augustine	C. C. Snyder.
46	Bosworth	52	11				1				62	36 50	I. L. Oppenheimer	Wyatt G. Plantz.
47	Clinton	70	20		1	1	1				89	57 50	A. H. Unger	R. L. Knapp.
50	Findlay	70	9	1		2		1			77	43 00	W. H. Loy	D. L. Grable.
54	Belmont	46	1								47	24 00	C. W. Carroll	J. B. Meyer.
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	98	16	2			3				113	64 50	W. H. McClintock	Edwin J. Phelps.
56	Gebal	112	12		1	2	2				121	69 50	C. U. Patterson	L. E. Everett.
58	Warren	117	58	3	3		4				172	117 50	Fred W. Adams	J. L. Kennedy.
59	Urbana	69	16		1						86	51 50	H. M. Crow	J. S. Merrill.
60	Tyrian	78	3				2				79	41 00	I. U. Finkel	S. L. Grigsby.
64	Fremont	74	8				1	2			79	43 50	N. C. Sherwood	H. S. Dorr.

65	Keuton	120	8		1	1	8	9			116	63 00	John Wilson. B. L. Thompson.
66	Wauseon	92	9		3			2			102	57 00	G. B. Tuthill. F. W. Moyer.
69	Putnam	86	14	1		1					100	57 00	S. F. DeFord. J. W. Brown.
70	Sidney	84	2			1					85	43 50	W. R. Wyman. E. W. Stowell.
71	Trowel	112	9			1	1	1			118	63 50	H. C. Murfin. W. H. Sloan.
72	Delphos	55	4			2	1	2			54	29 00	J. H. Cowden. J. E. Fast.
73	Van Wert	110	10		1		1				120	65 50	H. V. Olney. I. H. Malick.
74	Guernsey	54	11				1				64	37 50	Jno. W. Barton. W. S. Campbell.
75	New Lexington	51	24		1						76	53 50	H. F. Acker. Jas. F. McMahon.
76	Kinsman	114	18				1				131	74 50	W. E. Grant. Sam'l H. Peterman.
77	Wyoming	45	1		13	4	2	2			51	50 50	F. S. Cowing. Leslie Webb.
78	Marietta	122	12				1				133	72 50	O. D. Vincent. A. W. Tompkins.
79	Solomon	78	21			12	1				86	59 00	A. J. Fuller. Geo. Padan.
80	Akron	80	19				3				96	57 50	J. Thomas. W. E. Waugh.
81	St. Marys	68	7					2			73	40 00	B. E. Thomas. H. E. Henderson.
82	Bellevue	69	2				2				69	35 50	F. P. Hall. Chas. Matz.
83	Gwynn	98	8			1	1				104	56 00	J. R. Fitzer. Cyrus H. Fisher.
84	Delaware	66	15				1				80	47 50	Louis Welch. Wm. M. Semans.
85	Logan	51	34	1			1	1			84	59 00	Sidney Nichols. H. H. Newell.
86	Elyria	62	18				1				79	48 50	C. H. Laugley. John Murbach.
87	Bellaire	50	10					1			59	34 50	T. M. Roseberry. Will Daugherty.
88	Lancaster	69	11	2							82	46 50	J. P. Hershberger. C. W. Mathews.
89	S. S. Jewell	30	3			2	1	1			29	16 00	J. M. Brodrick. C. S. Hamilton.
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U D	Fostoria	32	* 25								59	33 50	R. K. Cunningham. C. E. Davis.
			* 18										
U D	Matchette		10								28	19 00	J. I. Allread. G. A. Katzenberger.
	Totals	6,827	972	25	51	63	110	109		3	7,590	4 00	Back dues, J. M. Hoffa, late of New Carlisle, No. 80
												50 00	Dispensation fee, Matchette Council, U. D.
												50 00	Dispensatisn fee, Ironton Council, U. D.
									Total			$ 4,406 50	

†Omitted last year. *Charter members.

RECAPITULATION.

Membership August 1, 1908	6,827
Advanced this year	972
Admitted this year	25
Reinstated this year	51
Total	7,875

DEDUCT.	
Withdrawn	63
Died	110
Suspended, *N. P. D.*	109
Expelled	3
Total	285

Membership, July 31, 1904—7,590.
Net gain of 768.

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 4th, 1904

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
1	Cincinnati	Walnut Hills	Hamilton	116	$ 9 28	$ 3 00	$ 12 28	Daniel Koch.
2	Union	Steubenville	Jefferson	150	12 00	3 00	15 00	Geo. P. Wilson.
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Ross	51	4 08	3 00	7 08	A. E. Culter.
7	Bigelow	Newark	Licking	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	Lewis P. Schaus.
8	Columbus	Columbus	Franklin			3 00	3 00	J. Wiegins.
9	Reese	Dayton	Montgomery	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	John T. Miller.
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	Muskingum	59	4 72	3 00	7 72	A. F. Kreager.
13	Wooster	Wooster	Wayne	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	Geo. J. Schwartz.
14	Franklin	Troy	Miami	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	H. G. Rossiter.
15	Athens	Athens	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	C. W. Harris.
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Highland	97	7 76	3 00	10 76	Geo. W. Barrere.
17	Springfield	Springfield	Clarke	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	C. A. Schusle.
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	Butler	103	8 24	3 00	11 24	C. C. Falk.
20	Lima	Lima	Allen	88	7 04	3 00	10 04	Geo. P. Conner.
22	Marion	Marion	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	John H. Burtram.
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Huron	104	8 32	3 00	11 32	Casselton Roscoe.
26	Sandusky City	Sandusky	Erie	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	E. B. King.
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Gallia	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	M. C. Vanden.
33	Toledo	Toledo	Lucas	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Frank H. Bucksieker.
35	Canton	Canton	Stark	125	10 00	3 00	13 00	S. T. Keith.
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cuyahogo	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	E. H. Veldhuis.
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Hocking	50	4 00	3 00	7 00	A. W. Mauk.
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	Ashtabula	206	16 48	3 00	19 48	H. S. Schalk.
41	London	London	Madison	25	2 00	3 00	5 00	B. P. Jones.
44	Omega	Salem	Columbiana	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	John G. Augustine.
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	Meigs	112	8 96	3 00	11 96	I. L. Oppenheimer.
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Seneca	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	Arthur H. Unger.
50	Findlay	Findlay	Hancock	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	W. H. Hoy.
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Belmont	139	11 12	3 00	14 12	I. H. Gaston.
55	Occonoxee	Defiance	Defiance	133	10 64	3 00	13 64	Wm. H. McClintock.
56	Gebal	Uhric hsville	Tuscarawas	99	7 92	3 00	10 92	C. U. Patterson.
58	Warren	Warren	Trumbull	172	13 76	3 00	16 76	Fred. W. Adams.

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio—Continued.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
59	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign	47	3 76	3 00	6 76	H. M. Crow.
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Pickaway	31	2 48	3 00	5 48	R. A. Brown.
64	Fremont	Fremont	Sandusky	110	8 80	3 00	11 80	W. S. Lewis.
65	Kenton	Kenton	Hardin	61	4 88	3 00	7 88	John Wilson.
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	Fulton	166	13 28	3 00	16 28	Guy B. Tuthill.
69	Putnam	Ottawa	Putnam	107	8 56	3 00	11 56	S. F. DeFord.
70	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	W. R. Wyman.
71	Trowel	Jackson	Jackson	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. C. Murfin.
72	Delphos	Delphos	Van Wert	108	8 24	3 00	11 24	J. H. Cowden.
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	Van Wert	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	H. V. Onley.
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	Guernsey	85	6 80	3 00	9 80	John W. Borton.
75	New Lexington	New Lexington	Perry	53	4 24	3 00	7 24	J. F. McMahan.
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	Knox	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	W. E. Grant.
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	Hamilton	116	9 28	3 00	12 28	F. S. Cowing.
78	Marietta	Marietta	Washington	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	C. F. Holst.
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	Scioto	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	A. J. Fuller.
80	Akron	Akron	Summitt	182	10 56	3 00	13 56	A. H. Price.
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	Auglaize					
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Huron	96	7 68	3 00	10 68	Frank P. Hale.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	Crawford	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	J. B. Fitzer.
84	Delaware	Delaware	Delaware	24	1 92	3 00	4 92	Louis Welch.
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Logan	65	5 20	3 00	8 20	Sidney Nichols.
86	Elyria	Elyria	Lorain	122	9 76	3 00	12 76	Clark H. Loughey.
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	Belmont	137	10 96	3 00	13 96	T. M. Roseberry.
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	Fairfield	32	2 56	3 00	5 56	J. P. Hershberger.
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	Union	29	2 32	3 00	5 32	John M. Brodrick.
U D	Fostoria	Fostoria	Seneca					
U D	Matchette	Greenville	Darke	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	S. A. Howes.
	Total			5,308	$ 424 64	$ 174 00	$ 598 64	

PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

NAME.	TITLE.	LOCATION.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID
John T. Lane	M. Ill. G. M.	Conneaut	206	$ 16 48	$ 6 00	$ 22 48	John F. Lane.
Nelson Williams	R. Ill. D. G. M.	Hamilton	108	8 24	3 00	11 24	Nelson Williams.
William A. Spill	R. Ill. Gr. P. C. of W.	Warren	172	13 76	3 00	16 76	William A. Spill.
Henry True	R. Ill. Gr. Treas.	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Henry True.
Wm. E. Evans	R. Ill. Gr. Recorder	Chillicothe	51	4 08	6 00	10 08	Wm. E. Evans.
Rev. J. L. Roemer	R. Ill. Gr. Chaplain	Chillicothe	51	4 08	3 00	7 08	Rev. J. L. Roemer.
Edward H. Archer	Ill. Gr. C. of Guards	Columbus			3 00	3 00	Edward H. Archer.
Milton B. Dickerson	Ill. Gr. C. of Council	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Milton B. Dickerson.
Warren J. Baker	Ill. Gr. Steward	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Warren J. Baker.
Charles H. Giessen	Ill. Gr. Sentinel	Cleveland	188	11 04	3 00	14 04	Charles H. Geissen.
Wm. M. Cunningham	Com. For. Cor.	Newark	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	Wm. M. Cunningham.
Orestes A. B. Senter	P. M. Ill. G. M.	Columbus			3 00	3 00	Orestes A. B. Senter.
Joseph M. Goodspeed	do	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	Joseph M. Goodspeed.
David C. Winegarner	do	Newark	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	D. C. Winegarner.
George D. McBride	do	Gallipolis	115	920	3 00	12 20	George D. McBride.
Graff M. Acklin	do	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Graff M. Acklin.
Edwin Morrell	do	Columbus			3 00	3 00	Edwin Morrell.
Lewis M. Lea	do	Sandusky	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	Lewis M. Lea.
Arthur P. Crane	do	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Arthur P. Crane.
Henry E. Morrison	do	Cleveland	188	11 04	3 00	14 04	Henry E. Morrison.
William T. McLean	do	Sidney	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	Wm. T. McLean.
William B. Anderson	do	Dayton	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	Wm. B. Anderson.
George D. Copeland	do	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	George D. Copeland.
Jewett Palmer	do	Marietta	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	Jewett Palmer.
Totals			2,002	$ 160 16	$ 78 00	$ 288 16	

Total Pay-Roll at Columbus, 1904..... $ 886 80

I certify the amount of the above Pay-Roll to be correct,

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1904.

HENRY TRUE, *R. Ill. Gr. Treas.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Of the Grand Council of Ohio, from its Organization on Wednesday, January 6th, 1830, to the Present Date.

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*Robert Punshon	Cincinnati	1830-1-2-3
*William J. Reese	Lancaster	1834-5-6-7
*William B. Thrall	Circleville	1838-9-40-1-2
*John W. Milligan	Columbus	1843-4-5
*Absalom Death	Cincinnati	1846-7-8
*William B. Dodds	Cincinnati	1849-50-51
*John M. Barrere	Hillsboro	1852-3-4-5-6
*John M. Parks	Cincinnati	1857-8-9
*Charles C. Kiefer	Urbana	1860-1-2
*Timothy B. Fisher	Marion	1863
William M. Cunningham	Newark	1864-5-6
*Charles Brown	Cincinnati	1867-8
*Joseph R. Conrad	Atwater	1869-70-1-2
*Henry Theobald	Dayton	1873-4
Samuel W. Courtright	Circleville	1875-6-7
Orestes A. B. Senter	Columbus	1878-9
Joseph M. Goodspeed	Athens	1880-1
Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati	1882-3
*David P. Chamberlin	Toledo	1884-5
David C. Winegarner	Newark	1886-7
George D. McBride	Gallipolis	1888-9
Graff M. Acklin	Toledo	1890-1
Edwin Morrell	Columbus	1892-3
Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky	1894
*John S. White	Cleveland	1895
Arthur P. Crane	Toledo	1896
John B. Romans	Seattle Wash	1897
Henry E. Morrison	Cleveland	1898
William T. McLean	Sidney	1899
William B. Anderson	Dayton	1900
George D. Copeland	Marion	1901
Jewett Palmer	Marietta	1902
John F. Lane	Conneaut	1903
Nelson Williams	Hamilton	1904

*Deceased

REPRESENTATIVES

INTERCHANGED TO GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Arkansas	George D. McBride.	Gallipolis
California	Arthur P. Crane....	Toledo
Connecticut	Edwin Morrell	Columbus
Colorado	Charles H. Giessen.	Cleveland
Florida	L. P. Schauss.....	Newark
Georgia	Henry E. Morrison..	Cleveland
Illinois	William B. Anderson	Dayton
Indian Territory	George D. Copeland.	Marion
Indiana	Nelson Williams....	Hamilton
Iowa	William T. McLean.	Sidney
Kansas	George P. Connor..	Lima
Kentucky	Levi C. Goodale....	Cincinnati
Louisiana	Reuben C. Lemmon.	Toledo
Maine	John W. Parsons...	Springfield
Maryland.....	Graff M. Acklin....	Toledo
Massachusetts	O. A. B. Senter....	Columbus
Michigan	Wm. E. Evans	Chillicothe
Minnesota	George Billow.....	Akron
Mississippi	I. L. Oppenheimer..	Pomeroy
Missouri	Robert V. Hampson.	Salem
New Brunswick	Fred. W. Adams....	Warren
Nebraska	Lewis M. Lea.....	Sandusky
New Hampshire ...	Jewett Palmer.....	Marietta
New Jesrey	Gilbert A. Ewing....	Jackson
New York	W. M. Cunningham	Newark
North Carolina	Wm. E. Banta.....	Springfield
Oregon	D. C. Winegarner....	Newark
Pennsylvania	J. W. Iredell, Jr....	Cincinnati
Rhode Island.....	S. B. Grove.....	Urbana
Vermont	John F. Lane.....	Conneaut
South Carolina	Warren J. Baker....	Toledo
Tennessee	C. W. Carroll.....	St. Clairsville
Washington	W. A. Spill.....	Warren
Wisconsin	C. C. Park.....	Tiffin
England and Wales.	Moses H. Levagood.	Elyria
Canada	George W. Fels....	Cincinnati
General Gr'd Council.	O. A. B. Senter.....	Columbus

REPRESENTATIVES

INTERCHANGED FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	RESIDENCE
Arkansas	Edgar E. Bryant	Fort Smith
California	James Hedges Hall.	Santa Ana
Canada	Samuel Dubber	St. Thomas, Ont.
Colorado	John Humphreys	Trinidad
Connecticut	Dwight Waugh	Stamford
England and Wales.	Charles F. Matier	London, Eng.
Florida	C. L. Smith	Daytona
Georgia	Robert L. Colding	Savannah
Illinois	George W. Curtis	Peoria
Indiana	Simeon P. Gilliett	Evansville
Indian Territory	William L. Eagleton	Pawnee
Iowa	A. R. Dewey	Washington
Kansas	Thomas L. Bond	Salina
Kentucky	Charles Henry Fisk.	Covington
Louisiana	Robt. Harmon Cage	New Iberia
Maine	Webster Hazlewood.	Andover, Mass.
Maryland	John M. Carter	Baltimore
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston
Michigan	George A. Cross	Lawrence
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery.	St. Paul
Mississippi	S. M. Roane	West Point
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Nebraska	Charles J. Phelps	Schuyler
New Brunswick	James Masters	Moneton
New Hampshire	Rev. J. M. Durrell.	Dover
New Jersey	Linsly Rowe	Jersey City
New York	James Chambers	New York City
North Carolina	Walter S. Liddell	Charlotte
Oregon	A. L. Rumsey	Mt. Tabor
Pennsylvania	James B. Youngson.	Pittsburg
Rhode Island	Rev. H. W. Rugg.	Providence
South Carolina	J. T. Baron	Columbia
Tennessee	T. W. Crutcher	Nashville
Vermont	Frank A. Phillips	Randolph
Washington	John B. Romans	Seattle
Wisconsin	Fred. Ring	La Crosse

GRAND COUNCILS

AND

ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

GENERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco, Star King Bd
Colorado	Ernest Le Neve Foster	Denver
Florida	James E. Boyd	Bartaw
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis Masonic Tem.
Indian Territory	Robert Y. Morrison.	Atoka
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines
Kansas	Wm. M. Shaver	Topeka
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	James W. Bowers	Baltimore, 16E. Lex'gt. street
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston, Masonic Tem.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Plattsmouth
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord
New York	George Van Vliet	New York, 16 8th Ave.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington
Ohio	William E. Evans	Chillicothe
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston
Tennessee	Wm. A. Clendenning	Nashville
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville
Michigan	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
New Jersey	John B. Bertholf	Jersey City
Pennsylvania	Frank W. Martenis	South Bethlehem
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

Canada	James C. Morgan	Barrie, Ontario
England and Wales	Charles F. Matier	London, Great Queen Street
New Brunswick	Frank A. Godsoe	St. John
Ontario	A. G. Horford	Toronto
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh

OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1900-1904

ANDREW P. SWANSTRON, St. Paul, Minn.,
General Grand Master.

HENRY C. LARRABEE, Baltimore, Md.,
General Grand Deputy Master.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio,
General Grand Principal Conductor.

CHARLES H. HEATON, Montpelier, Vt.,
General Grand Treasurer.

HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.,
General Grand Recorder.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Chaplain.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, Boston, Mass.,
General Grand Captain of Guard.

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kan.,
General Grand Conductor of Council.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.,
General Grand Marshal.

WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa,
General Grand Steward.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Sentinel.

MEMBERSHIP

IN THE

GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND COUNCILS	MEMBERSHIP	AS PER REPORT
Alabama	300	1902
Arkansas	263	1903
California	1,658	1904
Colorado	497	1904
Connecticut	4,020	1904
Florida	100	1902
Georgia	815	1903
Illinois	4,038	1904
Indiana	3,765	1904
Indian Territory	222	1904
Iowa	883	1903
Kansas	1,111	1904
Kentucky	943	1904
Louisiana	289	1903
Maine	3,190	1904
Maryland	736	1902
Massachusetts	6,661	1904
Michigan	5,130	1904
Minnesota	772	1904
Mississippi	1,385	1904
Missouri	1,084	1904
Nebraska	699	1903
New Hampshire	1,702	1903
New Jersey	623	1904
New York	4,860	1904
North Carolina	187	1904
Ohio	7,590	1904
Oregon	254	1904
Pennsylvania	2,600	1904
Rhode Island	1,613	1903
South Carolina	196	1904
Tennessee	492	1903
Vermont	1,334	1904
Washington	456	1903
Wisconsin	1,677	1903
Subordinate Councils Reported to the General Grand Council	287	1903
Total Membership in the United States and Territories	62,432	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

—OF—

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

CINCINNATI COUNCIL, No. 1. Cincinnati.

Stated Assembly, fourth Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 24, 1827.

DANIEL KOCH, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOSEPH KIRKUP, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Clyde C. Axline, M. H. Axline, William W. Bailey, Walter J. Barker, Charles H. Bateman, Harry G. Bridge, William M. Hilb, Emanuel G. Krehbiel, Harry E. Marks, Edward H. Moss, C. A. Palmer, James E. Reeves, Henry M. Rubel, E. C. Skinner, Isaac F. Tunison, Schuyler B. Tuthill, S. Percy Wells, William J. Wilson, Samuel A. Wood, William L. Wuest.

Admitted:

L. W. Fechheimer.

Withdrawn:

John D. Nichol.

Died:

Henry Henly, Andrew Hickenlooper, John L. Stettinius, Thomas G. Robinson, George H. Wolfe.

Suspended N. P. D.:

W. W. Bostwick, Wm. H. Bucher.

Membership July 31, 1904 221
Grand Council Dues $120.50

UNION COUNCIL, No. 2. Steubenville.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

GEORGE P. WILSON, - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRY R. LINTON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Thomas B. Burgette, Harry M. Bates, Charles P. Filson, William E. Hoobler, J. C. Huscroft, Wilson Hawkins, B. F. Hooper, Ben. L. Jones, George P. Miller, Harry Nicholson, Henry M. Reed, H. L. Rilson.

Died:

George P. Fisher.

Suspended N. P. D.:

C. K. P. Cogswell.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 113
Grand Council Dues $62.50

CHILLICOTHE COUNCIL, No. 4. Chillicothe.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

ALBERT E. CULTER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN W. BEST, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Frederick C. Arbenz, Thomas H. Bailey, Harry R. Brown, George V. Conners, William A. Crowe, William C. Dunlap, R. Prestley Enderlin, John C. Entrekin, Jr., Lyle S. Evans, John H. Greenbaum, William G. Houser, Norman T. Limle, Charles E. Limle, Hector McVicker, James H. Moore, George E. Mosher, George W. Roby, David H. Roche, Jr., Henry T. Sharp, Mark T. Sturtevant, Robert G. Tomlinson, Colonel E. Vorhis.

Withdrawn:

A. B. Cole, Morris J. Killits, Frank E. Reynolds.

Died:

John H. Miller, Orland Smith.

Suspended N. P. D.:

Charles C. Waddle.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 185
Grand Council Dues $103.50

BIGELOW COUNCIL, No. 7. Newark.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1841.

LEWIS P. SCHAUS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALONZO P. TAYLOR, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Noel E. Armstrong, Noah M. Brown, B. Frank Barnes, Wm. C. A. Critchfield, Jesse S. Elliott, Frank J. Felix, Joseph H. Fuller, Clifton C. Grimm, George E. Graeser, William W. Geach, Frank T. Hirst, George Herman, Henry R. Hundley, Howard I. Holmes, Robert E. Lumm, William H. Mazey, Charles F. Rhoads, A. B. Schauweker, John M. Swartz, Elmer E. Stewart, James M. Thurston, Amzi A. Westbrook, Linley B. Wilson.

Reinstated:

Clarence M. Humes.

Withdrawn:

Frances B. Nash.

Died:

Endymon S. Brown, Charles B. Giffin, John B. Kilpatrick, William G. Taafel, S. Stacker Williams.

Suspended N. P. D.:

C. A. Burke.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 184
Grand Council Dues $104.00

COLUMBUS COUNCIL, No. 8. Columbus.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, December 21, 1841.

JOSEPH WIGGINS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
WIDEN E. JOSEPH, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Oscar L. Anderson, Carl H. Anthoney, David S. Archer, Charles J. Brice, Willis G. Binland, Joseph C. Campbell, Frank M. Costo, Horatio C. Cruith, Ben, W. Chamberlain, Allen W. Crussman, George L. Cook, Paul C. Carty, George G. Doherty, Hermann L. Elba, James M. Everington, Isaac N. Gatriel, Christian Harris, Frank P. Hampshire, George W. Hamilton, Ellsworth C. Irwine, Louis E. Loechter, William Michael, Frank M. Marton, Walter D. Osborne, James B. Purgrin, Harry H. Price, John Peit, Isaac N. Pugh, Willis J. Root, Al. L. Shinnice, Phillip L. Schmeider, Harry H. Thomas, Charles H. Tuirghey, Arthur S. Tuirghey, Joseph W. Van Duessen, Joseph M. Vance, Scott A. Weebo, William M. Wright, Ralph N. Whitford, William H. Whitford.

Withdrawn:

F. O. Brothurton, R. R. Graham.

Died:

John G. Atchinson, Frank M. Beebe, A. B. Cummings, C. E. Gordon, W. L. Kidd, D. R. Kuisnell, Henry Kauffman, B. F. Martin, William H. McDermith, George F. Twitchell, Thomas T. Tress, G. M. White.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 497
Grand Council Dues.....$263.50

REESE COUNCIL, No. 9. Dayton.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 14, 1848.

JOHN T. MILLER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES D. KIDD, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Frank W. Adams, Frank N. Arnold, F. William Bauer, Frederick W. Bentz, Charles W. Bernhard, George W. Bish, Frank C. Carley, Joseph P. Cleal, James E. Conley, Winnie J. Conner, Ira J. Cooper, Pearl Culbertson, Albert Dhein, J. F. Edward Dohse, W. Scott Fox, Albert Frudenberger, Charles A. Getzendanner, Oliver P. Gothlin, Clarence Greene, Frank Hamburger, Chalmers G. Hays, Joseph Hopkinson, Claude W. Hosier, Herbert T. Kincaid, John L. Kneisly, John Latourette, Joshua R. McCally, Edward B. Morehouse, Albert Mueller, Howard M. Myers, Gustav A. Niehaus, William T. Nuttall, Jacob A. Oswald, Miles S. Parsons, Edward G. Pease, John A. Plocher, Charles W. Poysell, Newton W. Rice, James E. Richards, Alton D. Root, George A. Sauer, Jr., Henry Sauer, Charles W. Schaeffer, William F. Schweiger, Alexander F. Smart, William P. Smith, William W. Stokes, Caleb C. Symmes, Jesse A. Warner, Franklin W. Withoft, Walter B. Wolf, Clarence C. Young, William G. Zwick.

Admitted:

Martin L. Mowrer.

Reinstated:

William W. Hughes.

Withdrawn:

Frederick Bonner, Alexander De Armon.

Died:

Frederick Doebling, George W. Kemp, John A. Miller, James K. Newcomer, John W. Weidner.

Suspended N. P. D.

Charles R. Gillies.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 462
Grand Council Dues $258 00

ZANESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 12. Zanesville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1844.

JAMES B. CARSON, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. HOSKINSON, Recorder.

Advanced:

Willis A. Bailey, Otto A. Bauer, George Brown, Harry R. Geyer, Charles N. Harvey, Harry P. Herdman, Charles H. Higgins, Herbert A. Jones, Arthur Mill, John B. Rhodes, Bernard V. H. Schultz, Harvey A. Sharpe, Charles B. Upjohn, Ira D. Webner, Frank C. Wharlenby.

Withdrawn:

Robert D. Parsons.

Died:

Alva B. Slack.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 151
Grand Council Dues..... $83.00

WOOSTER COUNCIL, No. 13. Wooster.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1846.

GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ, - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM L. FIRESTONE, Recorder.

Advanced:

Charles L. Fletcher, Harry E. Kurtz, Carl M. Limb, James B. Minier, Hugh M. Ports, Curlington S. Young.

Admitted:

Augustus D. Selby.

Died:

William W. Firestone, Harry R. Griffin, James M. Quimby.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 56
Grand Council Dues..... $31.00

FRANKLIN COUNCIL, No. 14. Troy.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 16, 1847.

HARRY G. ROSSITER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELMER M. FAULKNER, - Recorder.

Advanced:

J. L. Barnett, G. W. Brannschweiger, J. H. Codington, E. E. Duncan, Manning Gabriel, W. M. Kyle, George G. Long, Harry McKee, F. C. Roberts, O. L. Seward, Pat Sweeney.

Withdrawn:

J. I. Allread, Perry Bachman, Frank Bachman, Charles Coppas, E. A. Grubb, S. A. Howes, George A. Katzenberger, H. N. Kyle, Conrad Kipp.

Suspended N. P. D.

L. F. Owen.

Membership July 31, 1904.....
Grand Council Dues..... $53.50

ATHENS COUNCIL, No. 15. Athens.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

CHARLES W. HARRIS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES A. PALMER, - Recorder.

Advanced:

J. Howard Cline, Fred L. Hammond, Frank M. Koons, George P. Myrich, Charles G. O'Bleness.

Admitted:

F. Marion Cline.

Reinstated:

Charles W. Harris.

Suspended N. P. D.

L. E. Armstrong.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 95
Grand Council Dues $50.50

HILLSBORO COUNCIL, No. 16. Hillsboro.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

OLIVER N. SAMS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Recorder.

Advanced:

Joseph G. Bell, B. E. Chaney, George R. Conrad, W. C. Gregory, T. M. Gregory, O. Newton Garrett, H. N. Henderson, R. E. Holmes, Joseph M. Heistand, H. Edward Hawk, N. C. Henning, John C. Larkin, John A. McCoppin, George Milner, M. James Milner, C. B. Nordyke, Fred T. Pavey, Burch T. Penn, J. William Penn, Charles T. Rogers, W. B. Ruble, David Sanders, John E. Sands, W. A. Teter, Rodney T. Trimble, L. W. Trissler.

Reinstated:

J. C. Ferguson.

Suspended N. P. D.

John M. Clark, James E. McDermott.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 58
Grand Council Dues $43.00

SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL, No. 17. Springfield.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1852.

WILLIAM E. COPENHAVER, Thrice Ill. Master.
OLIVER H. ANDERSON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Lawrence T. Brown, Guy L. Corry, Robert W. Dixon, Leon-

ard C. Eisenminger, Fred J. Green, Ezra C. Harris, Charles F. Hauck, Thomas F. Hudson, Edward S. Hiserman, Clifton M. Heistand, William C. Izor, John W. Jenkins, Frank H. Kudel, John E. McKee, Baldwin McGrew, Cassus M. Mennick, Charles L. Nisley, Stewart L. Tatum, Rosco D. Wise, Ira B. Wylie.

Died:

Asa S. Bushnell, James M. Bennett, Andrew N. Brooke, Cyrus B. Kissell, Oliver S. Kelly, Henry L. Kepsay, Thomas E. Lott, S. Frank Myers, William McClellan, Charles Stroud, Joseph W. Spahr, Thomas J. Thomas.

Suspended N. P. D.

Albert Hohl, William Ramsey, Harvey J. Teagardner.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 220
Grand Council Dues $120.00

HAMILTON COUNCIL, No. 19. Hamilton.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, November 20, 1858.

WILLIAM J. B. KLEIN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
W. A. SEWARD, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Henry L. Hemmerle, Charles N. Huston, Charles Z. Mikesell, Charence W. Quinn, Anderson L. Smedley, James R. Symmes, Jr., Charles A. Trostel, G. R. Zecher.

Admitted:

Warren A. Sanders.

Reinstated:

Walter E. Jones.

Suspended N. P. D.

William R. Eiber, J. A. McCarter, Edward B. Rogers.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 98
Grand Council Dues $53.50

LIMA COUNCIL, No. 20, Lima.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1854.

GEORGE P. CONNER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
WALLACE LANDIS, - - Recorder.

Reinstated:

Russell L. Armstrong, Walter N. Boyer, Harry H. Breeur, Herman V. Chase, Marshall H. Finch, Rolla B. Holland, W. P. Jacobs, Charles C. Kline, P. A. Kershan, George W. King, Alexander La Croix, Arthur E. Lloyd, Howard B. Longsworth, Edward J. Maire, Albert D. Newman, Harry V. Riley, William E. Smith.

Admitted:

George P. Conner, A. F. Knisely, A. L. White.

Reinstated:

J. H. Blattenberg, Fred C. Bram, Alonzo S. Bower, Herbert D. Campbell, Oren Dickason, Frank Ewing, Edward M. Gooding, F. A. Husted, Charles W. Herbert, Frank A. Hitchcock, D. R. J. Roush, John Roush, T. E. Thompson, A. F. Wheeler.

Withdrawn:

John A. Anderson, Frank Ewing.

Suspended N. P. D.

Irvin L. Britt, James Britt, T. W. Bachus, Heigh Cameron, B. C. Faurot, F. M. Frey, Thomas Muirhead, P. T. Mell, George A. Reuter, T. E. Thompson, E. L. Thomas, S. B. Zartman.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 121
Grand Council Dues $79.00

MARION COUNCIL, No. 22. Marion.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1856.

JOHN H. BARTRAM, - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Arthur J. Berry, David H. Clifton, Charles H. Conley, Alva L. Curtis, Hoke W. Donithen, Alfred A. Gotschall, John F. Hazen, William H. Lyons, Joseph H. Mason, William L. McElhinny, John D. Owens, Samuel M. Ruffner, Frederick A. Stingle, Charles E. Sweetman, Fred Terry, Lou B. Terry, George H. Van Fleet, George O. Williams, Thomas D. Williams.

Admitted:

Samuel H. Bartram.

Reinstated:

James O. Clary, Maurice M. Solamon.

Withdrawn:

Fred S. Rich.

Died:

Alexander B. McMurray, George E. Smith, Burton R. Young, Isaac Uncapher, Charles H. Kulencamp.

Suspended N. P. D.

Fred W. Bean, Charles F. Gerberson, William Glick, Fred A. Issleib, R. Carter Thompson, William A. Coppa.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 216
Grand Council Dues $118.50

NORWALK COUNCIL, No. 24. Norwalk.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1857.

CASTLETON ROSCOE, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN H. GROSS, - -Recorder.

Advanced:

F. A. Kelley, J. S. Sands, Ernest Sheldon.

Withdrawn:

Byron O. Smith, David E. Kirkland.

Died:

Oliver W. Williams.

Suspended N. P. D.

T. B. Connor, W. A. Broadhurst, A. C. Green, T. E. Harper, G. W. Hoffman, H. W. Hoffman, Charles Justice, T. W. Latham, W. I. Lindsey, William Peat, N. H. Pebbles, C. B. Van Blarcom.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 45
Grand Council Dues $24.00

SANDUSKY CITY COUNCIL, No. 26. Sandusky.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1857.

EDMUND B. KING, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAY D. LEA, - - - Recorder.

Advanced:

A. N. Conwell, J. D. Luce, H. A. Miller, F. W. Olemacher.

Admitted:

Hiram E. Dewey.

Reinstated:

A. N. Sampson.

Withdrawn:

Adolph N. Sampson, Emil G. Schmidt.

Died:

Fred J. Philby.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 164
Grand Council Dues $84.50

MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 32. Gallipolis.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1859.

GEORGE R. LOCKWOOD, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN C. VANDEN, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Harper B. Holcomb, Edgar T. Morrison, Fred O. Plymale, John T. Robinson, Jacob H. Rupe, Luther B. Turner, Fritz M. Ulsamer.

Reinstated:

John B. Woodyard.

Withdrawn:

Homer C. Brown, Richard H. Coulter.

Died:

Reuben S. Canady, William P. Small.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 83
Grand Council Dues $45.50

TOLEDO COUNCIL, No. 33. Toledo.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1868.

FRANK H. BRUKSEIKER, Thrice Ill. Master.
ELDRED W. EASTELL, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Seth W. Beckwith, Charles E. Bullock, George H. Beuster, Warren E. Brannen, Fred Boice, Stillman P. Brown, Randall G. Bacon, Henry G. Bunert, William W. Battin, Bernard W. Chandler, Alva B. Caple, Edward Crane, Frank A. Clark, Henry H. Converse, Henry Dittman, David T. Davies, Jr., William H. Eberlin, William H. Fisher, Eli J. Greenfield, Frank J. Gehring, William Huston, John P. Harton, John D. Hindemartch, Adelmer H. Hoskins, William A. Howell, John J. Huebner, Cornelius Hull, Jerry M. Horgan, Allen K. Hoff, Fred W. Haigh, Alfred J. Heeson, Clinton S. Harrison, George H. Henderson, William E. Hettrick, William W. Jones, Harry A. Jenry, John J. Jackman, William T. Jones, Fred W. Jaeger, George J. Heebler, Charles Kapp, Harry W. Lloyd, Gideon K. Lyon, Charles A. Landis, Charles A. Langdon, John W. Lloyd, Lee H. Long, Roy G. Lane, Charles W. MacGuire, Jeremiah H. Metzgar, Harry F.

Meiling, Charles P. Mettler, J. Alvin Murphy, John C. Newton, Charles F. Newman, William D. Parks, Alfred Pulford, Samuel O. Rothfuss, George B. Rheinfrank, Luther Schofield, Frank Sparks, Joseph L. Skeldon, Irving Squire, Arthur J. Salm, Clement T. Sonder, James Wetmore, Carl E. Wuerpel, H. Carey Walls, Orla A. White, Walter Weaver, Edwin C. Zippel.

Reinstated:

Mert C. Robinson.

Withdrawn:

James D. Burnap, George W. Netcher.

Died:

John T. Greer, E. Darwin Lock, James M. McNamar, Langdon P. Smith.

Suspended N. P. D.

Frank E. Cole, Franklin E. Knoch, Charles J. Maudler, John P. Newcomb, M. G. Skidmore, George S. Waite.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 438
Grand Council Dues $255.00

CANTON COUNCIL, No. 35. Canton.

Stated Assembly, fourth Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, January 31, 1866.

SAMUEL T. KEITH, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES SILVERMAN, - Recorder.

Advanced:

A. T. Bowman, William A. Bell, George W. Downie, Allen G. Eberley, Royal K. Goodwin, A. W. Hoffheimes, Ralph E. Harrington, David E. Killinger, William C. Larblin, B. E.

Lentz, Samuel G. McGrath, William T. McRoberts, A. H. Montgomery, William J. Morgan, Charles R. Mills, Oliver W. Penn, Louis D. Parr, Thomas H. Palmer, James H. Sheets, Kirby M. Snyder, Jacob B. Snyder, J. L. Todd, Oliver Witter, J. D. Wetmore.

Reinstated:

Herman M. Eckhardt, Aaron Lind.

Withdrawn:

Edwin Davis.

Died:

Henry A. Cavnah, Frank E. Hart, John Krause.

Suspended N. P. D.:

Samuel Burgert, C. F. Chapman, E. G. Meyers, James Neeley, Anthony Housel.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 160
Grand Council Dues $99.00

CLEVELAND COUNCIL, No. 36. Cleveland.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 7, 1865.

GERRIT H. VELDHUIS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. MORRISON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

John A. Adams, William T. Albon, Oscar F. Alexander, Robert J. Bartley, William A. Bishop, Carlos H. Carpenter, Charles H. Case, William T. Cochran, John H. Cox, William F. Davis, Harry C. Engert, Chris. Tahrnsy, Lyman J. Glenn,

Stephen L. Griffith, Frank E. Hall, Henry T. Harrison, William O. Henderson, Robert C. Hildebrandt, Hugh Huntington, Jr., Eugene L. Johnson, Joseph H. Kitchen, Philip Krafter, Clarence H. Kress, Frank Lewis, William C. Logan, Hugh A. McElroy, William F. McGaffick, John C. Maerkle, Barzilla L. Marble, Charles A. Mattoon, William H. Mellinger, David L. Kisbet, George S. Pains, Andrew J. Park, Max J. Pfister, Harry W. Pratt, Frederick F. Quilliams, Edward L. Raquet, Charles A. Risgler, Robert B. Robinson, Carl W. Rutenbeck, Herman H. Schleman, Jacob H. Schoen, Clarence W. Shaff, Charles D. Shreve, David K. Smith, Francis B. Smith, Pard H. Smith, Hubert L. Sprackling, George Speng, Adam Stein, Julius A. Stern, Henry W. Stoer, John Stressing, Daniel Thomas, John C. Thompson, Jr., Joseph S. Van De Boe, Ben Velvick, William Wallace, Charles C. Wallraff, Joseph Whittaker.

Admitted:

James C. Cannon, George Sharer, John G. Spencer.

Withdrawn:

Henry W. Beyers, Elmer E. Rodgers.

Died:

James M. Clark, Eli Ely, Orimel Hayward, Joseph Ingersoll, Abner Royce, John W. Scott, Silas M. Stone.

Suspended N. P. D.:

George A. Cook, Joseph Dovills, Lajos Steiner.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 564
Grand Council Dues $312.50

HOCKHOCKING COUNCIL, No. 39. Logan.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

WILLIAM S. FRIESNER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES H. KEYNES, - Recorder.

Advanced:

John N. Brewer, Joseph Hutchinson, William Siddle.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 56
Grand Council Dues $29.50

CONNEAUT COUNCIL, No. 40. Conneaut.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

W. F. STANLEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
C. H. SIMONDS, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

William H. Brown, James Brown, William B. Colson, R. Arthur Conkey, Carlyle W. Dewey, Oscar C. Eke, Judson W. Gould, Edwin Hilborn, John H. Hipple, Edward D. Jacobs, Theodore W. Kellogg, Thomas H. Morrill, Charles Marcy, Frederick W. Main, Lincoln Range, William J. Roberts, Matt. G. Spaulding.

Died:

C. B. Hart, James G. Palmer.

Expelled:

Thomas B. Hindle, J. William Ish, Charles H. Miser, Charles J. Towson, Charles H. Whittikin.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 158
Grand Council Dues $87.50

LONDON COUNCIL, No. 41. London.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

BRUCE P. JONES, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES E. ARBUCKLE, Recorder.

Advanced:

W. N. Bragg, J. Warner Tanner, Louis C. Marble.

Died:

Edward W. Chandler.

Suspended N. P. D.:

Frank Bridgman, Howard C. Bateman, Charles Bennett, J. W. Carlzetafres, William H. Chandler, E. R. Florence, William M. Ferguson, Thomas G. Farr, Xerxes Farrar, C. W. Farrar, J. W. Heath, Cary Jones, John T. Johnson, Daniel Kulp, John D. Maddux, James B. Sprague, John T. Vent, L. B. Watts.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 34
Grand Council Dues $18.50

OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 44. Salem.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN G. AUGUSTINE, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES C. SNYDER, - Recorder.

Advanced:

L. A. Callahan, L. S. Converse, Robert P. Grist, J. D. DeWeese, P. A. Dickey, L. P. Metzgar, Joseph T. Smith, W. H. Kelley, H. W. Weaveer.

Died:

Charles A. Murphy, Thomas J. Walton.

Suspended N. P. D.:

William J. Hannay, Charles H. Halberstadt, S. M. Horn, W. S. Lewis, John R. Morgan, John A. Roach.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 112
Grand Council Dues $60.50

BOSWORTH COUNCIL, No. 46. Pomeroy.

Stated Assembly, Wednesday, on or before full moon.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

I. L. OPPENHEIMER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
WYATT G. PLANTZ, - Recorder.

Advanced:

William C. Bennett, Fred G. Davis, John Gibbs, S. B. Hanlin, J. P. Jones, D. S. Lewis, Van E. McDade, J. H. Renter, W. F. Reed, Russell Ralston, J. M. Woodward.

Died:

S. D. Webb.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 62
Grand Council Dues $36.50

CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 47. Tiffin.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 11, 1867.

GEORGE A. CORTHELL, - Thrice Ill. Master.
RUSSELL L. KNAPP, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Harry B. Baker, James E. Brown, Charles S. Calhoun, John F. Coxon, George E. Ernest, Frank R. Hall, Albert Hayden, Ralph R. Hendershott, George Horner, Daniel W. Karshner, William H. Kildow, Edward R. Kurtz, Henry E. Lott, James R. McDowell, George L. Rakestraw, Stanley M. Ranger, John B. Sennett, Hamilton C. Ulen, Tobias, R. Yingling, Ira N. Zeis.

Reinstated:

William A. Schlosser.

Withdrawn:

George W. Campbell.

Died:

Thomas J. West.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 89
Grand Council Dues $57.50

FINDLAY COUNCIL, No. 50. Findlay.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

WILLIAM H. LOY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
DAVID L. GRABLE, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Elmer C. Bolton, E. Frank Butler, John M. Firmin, War-

ren B. Keator, Charles D. McCoy, J. Charles Neely, Forrest E. Neil, John W. S. Riegle, John H. Sutton.

Admitted:

John M. Hoffa.

Withdrawn:

Alson Chapman, William A. B. Dalzell.

Suspended N. P. D.:

William A. Lear.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 77
Grand Council Dues $43.00

BELMONT COUNCIL, No. 54. St. Clairsville.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, November 30, 1867.

C. W. CARROLL, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. B. MEYER, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

J. H. Boroff.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 47
Grand Council Dues $24.00

OC-CO-NOX-EE COUNCIL, No. 55. Defiance.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1869.

WESLEY H. MCCLINTOCK, Thrice Ill. Master.
EDWIN J. PHELPS, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Donald S. Abell, Charles Behringer, Charles B. Froment, Harry S. Gardner, William F. Hedrick, Zach, Barnes Houghton, John H. Laughlin, James I. Montgomery, Frank J. Papenhagen, Fred E. Rothenburger, Carey E. Rothenburger, John G. Schrag, Tellis T. Shaw, Roy W. Webb, Harry J. Welton, John C. Yingling.

Admitted:

Reuben W. Mitchell, Frank E. Reynolds.

Died:

William F. Dittmer, E. Bernard Hooker, Francis A. Windiate.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 113
Grand Council Dues $64.50

GEBAL COUNCIL, No. 56. Uhlrichsville.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, July 15, 1870.

CHARLES U. PATTERSON, Thrice Ill. Master.
L. E. EVERETT, - - Recorder pro tem.

Advanced:

H. L. Anderson, John Burt, E. J. Baker, L. E. Everett, A. E. Hagey, L. H. Ley, E. J. Lafferty, S. M. Mehaffy, T. M. Richards, Clifford Romig, J. E. Shields, E. E. Schiltz.

Reinstated:

Samuel Slade.

Withdrawn:

A. F. Kinsely, Robert Lyle.

Died:

W. J. Chalfant, Samuel Slade.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 121
Grand Council Dues $69.50

WARREN COUNCIL, No. 58. Warren.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

FREDERICK W. ADAMS, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES L. KENNEDY, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Herbert J. Alford, C. Harry Angstadt, John F. Bannon, R. D. Barrett, Frank L. Baldwin, Robert J. Bell, Frank S. Brenner, John Brenner, Harry L. Brinker, F. L. Burlingham, F. L. Burnham, Eugene W. Chase, William M. Clark, Edward Coxon, Charles W. DeVoe, W. R. Edwards, Elmer E. Faunce, Frank W. Ferguson, Moses Frankle, James G. Gartshore, G. W. Goodrich, William E. Hahn, George W. Holland, Bert Holloway, M. E. Hayes, Ellis G. Johnston, Fred B. King, Harry F. Knapp, Will W. Knippenberg, E. C. Lipps, William H. Loller, Fred P. McBerty, Robert A. McClain, L. G. Moore, Jr., William B. Moran, Robert W. Morgan, Howard C. Ohl, Fred M. Orr, Fred B. Rebman, L. L. Rice, H. L. Root, Karl Rudolph, Harry Schagrin, Fred T. Stone, Solan C. Thayer, Morgan Thomas, Burton H. Wade, H. T. Williams, Thomas M. Williston, Richard B. Wick, Charles E. Watwood, Ensign Yager, Jacob V. Zerr.

Admitted:

J. E. Beebe, Randall Montgomery, C. M. Oliphant.

Reinstated:

Thad. Ackley, John S. Kennedy, Berr F. Lane.

Died:

W. R. Edwards, William Isles, Andrew J. Leitch, B. Frank Packard.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 172
Grand Council Dues $117.50

URBANA COUNCIL, No. 59. Urbana.

Stated Assembly, second Friady each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

HORACE M. CROW, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN S. MERRILL, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Edgar G. Banta, Harry D. Barley, J. Harry Brown, Harry G. Butcher, U. Grant Furnas, Frank C. Gaumer, Virgil H. Gibbs, William L. Guard, Joe. W. Hitt, J. Roland Hughes, Edward H. Hullinger, Melvin N. Johnson, Harry E. Patrick, Willis L. Snyder, Louis E. Urban, John D. Van Culin.

Reinstated:

William M. Black.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 86
Grand Council Dues $51.50

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 60. Circleville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1872.

ISREAL U. FINKEL, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
STEPHEN L. GRIGSBY, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Bennett H. Ater, Wayne Caldwell, S. Preston Deeds.

Died:

Scott C. Boggs, Batteal H. Moore.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 79
Grand Council Dues $41.00

FREMONT COUNCIL, No. 64. Fremont.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

N. C. SHERWOOD, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
H. S. DORR, - - - Recorder.

Advanced:

E. E. Bowlus, C. C. Childs, M. Gusdory, Charles Z. Haltor, John G. Lumsden, Frank Romdenbush, W. F. Starr, A. F. Sandwich.

Died:

William Thompson.

Suspended N. P. D.:

J. H. Brady, Goerge Kinney.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 79
Grand Council Dues $43.50

KENTON COUNCIL, No. 65. Kenton.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

JOHN WILSON, - -Thrice Ill. Master.
BENT L. THOMPSON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Charles J. Britton, Henry E. Dickinson, Wilson Foster, Joseph W. Gilmore, Harry C. Herren, Erostus S. Neeley, John J. Richards, George A. Wagner.

Reinstated:

Marion W. McCrea.

Withdrawn:

Richard A. Graham.

Died:

J. C. Campbell, John M. Carr, Joseph W. Dickelman.

Suspended N. P. D.:

J. C. Banning, James Bastable, Edward P. Dean, William W. Holland, X. H. Hollar, Samuel Pfeiffer, Isaac P. Weston, Edward H. Wilson, O. P. Wilson.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 116
Grand Council Dues $63.00

WAUSEON COUNCIL, No. 68. Wauseon.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1879.

GUY B. TUTHILL, - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK M. MOYER, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Colonel W. Carr, F. A. Seely, Henry D. Tripp, E. H. Richey, C. H. Heffron, F. A. Wheeler, Charles S. Longnecker, Earnest Briggs.

Reinstated:

A. Y. Montgomery, August Pilliod, C. M. Carrick.

Suspended N. P. D.:

C. W. Gray, C. S. Buck.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 102
Grand Council Dues $57.00

PUTNAM COUNCIL, No. 69. Ottawa.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, March 31, 1879.

S. F. DEFORD, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. W. BROWN, - -Recorder.

Advanced:

C. E. Beardsley, Lewis Berger, Edwin L. Davis, W. H. Harper, W. H. Hyatt, A. M. Heidlebaugh, W. C. G. Krauss, J. T. Maidlow, T. F. McElroy, C. P. Palmer, R. G. Spencer, E. S. Weaver, E. L. Warden, J. W. Wolf.

Admitted:

Frank Ewing.

Withdrawn:

R. S. Lenhart.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 100
Grand Council Dues $57.00

SIDNEY COUNCIL, No. 70. Sidney.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, September 30, 1882.

WILLIAM R. WYMAN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
E. W. STOWELL, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

George C. Allinger, Jessie C. Wilson.

Withdrawn:

James H. Perry.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 85
Grand Council Dues $43.50

TROWEL COUNCIL, No. 71. Jackson.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 7, 1885.

H. CLAY MURFIN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM H. SLOANE, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Fred W. Bertsch, Warren M. Bennett, Frank D. Ewing,

Daniel C. Jones, William C. Martin, John H. Richards, John H. Stephenson, Stanley G. Thomas, James D. Wittman.

Withdrawn:

Lloyd T. Jones.

Died:

Americus V. Markham.

Suspended N. P. D.:

Joseph Harper.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 118
Grand Council Dues $63.50

DELPHOS COUNCIL, No. 72. Delphos.

Stated Assembly, fourth Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 20, 1890.

JOSEPH H. COWDIN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JULIAN E. FAST, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

J. B. Ascham, H. M. Davies, J. M. Dolbey, C. W. Moots.

Withdrawn:

W. H. Deal, A. T. Hogarth.

Died:

W. H. Seigel.

Suspended N. P. D.:

F. W. Baker, J. B. Smith.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 54
Grand Council Dues .....L..... $29.00

VAN WERT COUNCIL, No. 73. Van Wert.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October, 6, 1891.

HUGH V. OLNEY, - -Thrice Ill. Master.
ISMA. H. MALICK, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

David J. Davies, Capels Foster, Lewis Graves, William B. Jones, H. P. McDonald, George L. Potter, Frank A. Rowley, Sidney L. Theetgee, Fred. Voltz, Henry B. Wilson.

Reinstated:

Hiram C. Hamilton.

Died:

Wm. M. Flaharty.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 120
Grand Council Dues $65.50

GUERNSEY COUNCIL, No. 74. Cambridge.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

JOHN W. BARTRAM, - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, Recorder.

Advanced:

Samuel S. Bruce, William A. Blackburn, D. Louis Davis, J. A. Jacobson, A. S. T. Johnston, Chaster R. Potter, Frank Ray, Charles E. Scott, Edward W. Smith, Joseph M. Wood, Frank H. Vance.

Died:

John Lane Locke.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 64
Grand Council Dues $37.50

NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL, No. 75. New Lexington.

Stated Assembly, fourth Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

HERMAN F. ACKER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES.F. MCMAHON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

William F. Cooper, George S. Courtright, Frank P. Childs, Thomas Dunwoody, La Bert Davie, Lewis R. Drake, John E. Evans, John W. Fry, Samuel P. Hoover, James H. Hoy, Charles W. King, John W. McDonald, Jacob Mautz, Isaac A. Moody, J. G. Morris, George W. Ricketts, Jesse Ramsey, Oscar F. Sears, Lyman B. Swingle, Henson M. Tussing, George Wolf, Thomas B. Williams, Charles K. Wagner, Michael Wohrle.

Reinstated:

Edgar M. Braddock.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 76
Grand Council Dues $53.50

KINSMAN COUNCIL, No. 76. Mt. Vernon.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1892.

WILLIAM E. GRANT, - Thrice Ill. Master.
SAMUEL H. PETERMAN, Recorder.

Advanced:

William A. Ackerman, Evert Bogardus, C. O. Benner, William M. Bricker, Gail A. Cooksey, Ed. DeFoe, Russell S. DeFoe, Alton A. Hunt, William A. Moore, Matthew F. Maury, William E. Sanderson, William W. Stinemates, Austin H. Singer, Joseph B. Stauffer, Berton J. Smith, Harry J. Shipley, William S. Tompkins, William P. Welshymer.

Died:

John M. Armstrong.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 131
Grand Council Dues $74.50

WYOMING COUNCIL, No. 77. Wyoming.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1893.

FRANK S. COWING, - Thrice Ill. Master.
LESLIE WEBB,.. - - Recorder.

Advanced:

John E. Whitney.

Reinstated:

H. P. Diehl, Linas J. Everson, William J. Eckman, J. R. Fortney, J. N. Gould, Lenox C. Goodwin, E. W. Hall, John F. Hinds, Asa B. Kennan, Clement G. Keeley, Edward A. Kuhlman, Albert K. Murray, Frank E. Stevenson.

Withdrawn:

H. P. Diehl, J. N. Gould, Asa B. Kennan, H. C. Stevenson.

Died:

Herman J. Goetze, Ferdinand Schmidt.

Suspended N. P. D.:

A. B. Barker, Anthony P. Hegner.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 51
Grand Council Dues $50.50

MARIETTA COUNCIL, No. 78. Marietta.

Stated Assembly, fourth Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1898.

O. B. VINCENT, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
A. W. TOMPKINS, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

George H. Braumlick, Forest Clymer, Herman E. Carlton, Frank Ford, Harry Fisher, J. H. Green, Robert B. Hameo, Jeff Hoskinson, Walker E. Jolley, D. C. Mohler, Levi J. Stokes, Walter J. Whittlig.

Died:

Joseph W. Holden.

Membership July 31, 1904 133
Grand Council Dues $72.50

SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 79. Portsmouth.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 22, 1894.

ANDREW J. FULLER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE PADEN, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

George M. Appel, Frank M. Baggs, Louis W. Bragdon, William M. Briggs, A. M. Collett, Charles A. McMinice, Frank M. Edwards, C. B. Egerton, F. W. Ehrlich, J. D. Foster, William Grant, Henry W. Herr, W. M. Hampton, Alan N. Jordan, Louis E. Marting, George Nance, Thomas W. Price, L. F. Selb, A. R. Stewart, Albert C. Streich, Charles L. Spencer.

Withdrawn:

A. M. Collett, George Edmunds, C. B. Egerton, F. W. Ehrich, J. D. Foster, William Grant, W. H. Hampton, Louis E. Marting, George Nance, Thomas W. Price, L. F. Selb, A. R. Stewart.

Died:

Albert T. Johnson.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 86
Grand Council Dues $59.00

AKRON COUNCIL, No. 80. AKRON.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

JUDSON THOMAS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM E. WAUGH, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Jacob R. Billow, Fred A. Baron, Harry T. Budd, August B. Busch, Charles A. Dixon, Osborn Esgate, John P. Hale, Ed-

ward S. Harter, Wellington S. Hassler, George A. Kile, William L. Kile, Ludwig T. Peterson, Ernest A. Pflueger, John Prentics, Julian A. Reade, John J. Starr, Howard A. Taylor, William B. Tuttle, Charles W. Wickline.

Died:

Henry Bocksted, John J. Hunsicker, Herbert R. Whiteman.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 96
Grand Council Dues $57.50

ST. MARY'S, COUNCIL, No. 81. St. Mary's.

Stated Assembly, second and fourth Fridays each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

BERT. E. THOMAS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. HENDERSON, Recorder.

Advanced:

Louis Bamberger, Carl F. Lambert, Charles F. Morrilius, R. E. Riley, W. E. Ryder, B. R. Shipp, Jacob Victor.

Suspended N. P. D.:

E. L. Fee, S. E. Schuyler.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 73
Grand Council Dues $40.00

BELLEVUE COUNCIL, No. 82. Bellevue.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 25, 1898.

FRANK P. HALE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES MATZ, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Edward E. Lopeman, John Welsh.

Died:

J. P. Korner, James M. Rodenberg.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 69
Grand Council Dues $35.50

GWYNN COUNCIL, No. 83. Bucyrus.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1898.

JAMES R. FITZER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CYRUS H. FISHER, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Emanuel R. Birk, Lewis A. Deuzer, Alvin Erchman, George A. Jordan, Peter Metzgar, George Nickerson, Edwin W. Seeman, John J. White.

Withdrawn:

Harry B. Hinman.

Died:

Edward C. Roeber.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 104
Grand Council Dues $56.00

DELAWARE COUNCIL, No. 84. Delaware.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 9, 1900.

LOUIS WELCH, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM M. SEMAN, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Burt D. Armstrong, Henry W. Bevan, Horace M. Bing, Harry L. Clark, Reuben G. Dickerson, John D. Griffith, John W. Heimberger, Frank M. Hessnauer, Dean M. Hickson, W. Maurice Hoyt, William McKenzie, Leban H. Murray, Robert L. Plotner, Louis Thorman, C. Dwight Young.

Died:

Charles H. McElroy.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 30
Grand Council Dues $47.50

LOGAN COUNCIL, No. 85. Bellefontaine.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 24, 1901.

SIDNEY NICHOLS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
H. H. NEWELL, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Frank Arnold, Fred Arnold, D. W. Askren, C. S. Allen, H. J. Bigley, W. D. Calland, R. S. Dodds, Frank Fritchey, H. F. Goff, F. M. Galer, Emil Geiger, G. W. Guy, J. A. Hains, W. E. Harris, J. C. Irwin, A. R. Kerr, G. C. Knight, Charles Lentz, F. F. Leonard, Henry McKinnon, J. E. Miller, H. M. Marlette,

Fred Murphy, George Morgan, Jr., T. G. C. McCalla, F. A. Pool, Wilber Pearce, Charles Rogers, Fred Spittle, G. M. Stevenson, J. W. Smith, John Wineland, Charles Weller, Frank Zebold.

Died:

Charles Rogers.

Suspended N. P. D.:

F. J. McColloch.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 84
Grand Council Dues $59.00

ELYRIA COUNCIL, No. 86. Elyria.

Stated Assembly, last Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

CLARK H. LOUGHREY, - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN MURBACH, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Thomas H. Artress, O. H. Baker, John G. Baus, D. J. Boone, Joseph N. Gilbert, William W. Hoffman, Charles M. Irish, O. B. Monosmith, James Nichols, Edward H. Nicholl, F. C. Oehl, J. M. Otterbacher, Robert Patterson, Edward C. Schuler, Eber F. Steele, George N. Surridge, Charles A. Uber, John M. Wright.

Died:

Fred H. Ellis.

Membership July 31, 1904 79
Grand Council Dues $48.50

BELLAIRE COUNCIL, No. 87. Bellaire.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

T. M. ROSEBERRY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILL DAUGHERTY, - - Recorder.

Advanced:

Miles T. Carnes, W. G. Dempsey, John W. Fish, Robert C. Gow, J. K. Gano, Thomas M .Holt, W. D. Mellott, Robert W. McVey, W. E. Briggs, Abe Shenker.

Suspended N. P. D.:

William E. Parks.

Membership July 31, 1904 59
Grand Council Dues $34.50

LANCASTER COUNCIL, No. 88. Lancaster.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

JOSEPH P. HERSHBERGER, Thrice Ill. Master.
CHAUNCEY W. MATTHEWS Recorder.

Advanced:

Joseph O. Cox, David M. Cupp, John Gourley, John L. Graham, John W. Kean, John H. E. Reeves, Alfred Repass, Joseph Schrier, John J. Silbaugh, Thomas F. Sloan, Bertram S. Stretton.

Admitted:

Christian Gaiser, James N. McNaughten.

Membership July 31, 1904 82
Grand Council Dues $46.50

S. S. JEWELL COUNCIL, No. 89. Marysville.

Stated Assembly, first Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1903.

JOHN M. BRODRICK, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. HAMILTON, - Recorder.

Advanced:

Dwight B. Edwards, La Due Roberts, George E. Whitney.

Withdrawn:

James W. Fields, Smith McCloud.

Died:

Chas. F. Lentz.

Suspended N. P. D.:

George W. Carter.

Membership July 31, 1904 29
Grand Council Dues $16.00

FOSTORIA COUNCIL, U. D. Fostoria.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Dispensation, April 29th, 1903.

EARL H. CUNNINGHAM, Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES E. DAVIS, - Recorder.

Advanced:

E. W. Allen, F. W. Adams, J. W. Dodd, F. R. Elbert, H.

Easton, W. H. Fitzsimmons, H. V. Gifford, E. Q. Green, R. W. Hendershot, G L. Hoege, H. Hathaway, C. H. Hammer, J. E. Ladd, G. A. Ladd, O. J. Mitchel, S. D. Munsel, W. W. Miller, W. G. Milburn, J. H. Norris, J. J. Overton, J. W. Stiger, F. Shreffler, J. T. Herman, F. E. England, H. H. Gearry.

Admitted:

C. G. Martin.

Membership July 31, 1904 59
Grand Council Dues $33.50

MATCHETTE COUNCIL U. D. Greenville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Dispensation, January 1st, 1904.

JAMES I. ALLREAD, - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE A. KATZENBERGER, Recorder.

Membership July 31, 1904..... 28
Grand Council Dues $19.00

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN

CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE

Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

BY

W. M. CUNNINGHAM

M. W. Past Grand Master F. & A. M.

M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Ohio and M. Ill. P. G. M. of Cryptic Masons of Ohio,

Chairman of Committee.

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—ON—

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence having had under Consideration the Printed Proceedings of the following named Grand Councils respectfully submit the following Report arranged as heretofore, in alphabetical order for the convenience of the reader:

Arkansas	1903	Michigan	1904
California	1904	Minnesota	1903
Colorado	1903	Mississippi	1904
Connecticut	1904	Missouri	1904
England and Wales	1904	Nebraska	1903
Florida	not received	New Hampshire	1903
Georgia	1904	New Jersey	1904
Illinois	1903	New York	1903
Indiana	1903	North Carolina	1903
Indian Territory	1904	Oregon	1904
Iowa	1903	Pennsylvania	1904
Kansas	1903	South Carolina	1904
Kentucky	1903	Tennessee	1904
Louisiana	not received	Vermont	1903
Maine	1903	Washington	1903
Maryland	not received	Wisconsin	1904
Massachusetts	1903	General Grand Council.	1903

INTRODUCTORY.

The outlook for Cryptic Masonry is growing brighter in every Grand Jurisdiction in which its beautiful and most important Grades are worked with that degree of enthusiasm to which they are so justly entitled.

The absence of the pre-requisite feature to further advancement, so long deplored, and in many instances in mournful cadences, is more than offset by the select character of its membership. The true votaries of Freemasonry are not among those who would use its degrees merely as stepping stones to a grade that would give them an opportunity to pose in public in the showy dress to which their ambition only aspires—and the absence of all such from its arches is no loss to Cryptic Masonry.

The fact that the gain in membership in the Councils of the United States has been for the past twenty years more than one thousand each year should inspire every Royal and Select Master with renewed zeal in the propogation of the Rite.

Without further prefortory remarks the report of your committee is submitted in the following order:

ARKANSAS, 1903.

Proceedings, 8vo., pp 48. Little Rock, 1903.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the state of Arkansas was held in the city of Little Rock, October 5, A. D. 1903. A. Dep. 2903, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States at its Eighth Triennial Assembly.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. S. D. Dodge, presiding.

"The Grand Council was opened in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

The officers and members of the General Grand Council being in waiting in an adjoining room, were escorted into the hall and received with Grand honors.

A cordial and hearty welcome was extended to the officers and members of the General Grand Council by the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. S. D. Dodge, and after a brief response by the

M. P. Grand Master, Comp. William H. Mayo, the Grand Council was closed.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas was held in the city of Little Rock, November 19th, 1903, M. Ill. Comp. S. D. Dodge, Grand Master, in the Grand East. Five Past M., I. Grand Masters were in attendance and six Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Twelve Chartered Councils on the roll.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master was a concise report of Official Acts. In it he congratulates the Companions that peace and harmony prevail within that Grand Jurisdiction and "that a new interest has been awakened in the Cryptic Rite that may in the future result in a better understanding and appreciation of its privileges and teachings."

The Grand Representatives of ten Grand Councils were present. The Grand Representative of the M. I. Grand Council of Ohio, Comp. Edgar E. Bryant, of Fort Smith, was not in attendance.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. John Brodie, reported a balance of $159.48 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Fay Hempstead, Grand Recorder, reported number of greeted current year, 17; affiliated, 2; reinstated, 2; dimitted, 4; died, 5; and suspended for non-payment of dues, 3. Net gain current year, 9. Total number of members, 263.

Four Councils are reported as having paid no dues for some years, but one of which, however, was in the list of Councils reported.

The Proceedings do not contain any Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. I. Comp. G. W. Skidmore, of Little Rock, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Fay Hempstead, of the same city, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Six Companions received the Degree of Royal and Select Master in the Grand Council.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Arkansas will be held in the city of Little Rock, November 18, 1904.

CALIFORNIA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 94. San Francisco, 1904.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California was held in the City of San Francisco, April 18, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, R. Ill. Comp. David M. Sutherland, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council. Number of Councils making returns, thirteen.

Number of Chartered Councils enrolled, sixteen.

Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Number of greeted current year, 198; affiliated, 9; reinstated, 3; number dimitted, 14; excluded or suspended, n. p. d., 4.; died, 29.

Net gain current year, 163.

Total number of members, 1,658.

Seventeen Grand Councils were represented by the presence of their accredited Grand Representatives.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. James Hedges Hall, of Santa Ana, was not in attendance.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. A. H. Merritt, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was read by the Deputy Grand Master. In his Address the Grand Master depreciated his unavoidable absence and submitted a brief report of his official acts and also congratulated the Companions upon the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry and upon the renewed interest manifested in the Rite.

M. I. Comp., Past Grand Master Edward Richards Hedges, being absent on account of his serious illness, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted and sent to him by the Grand Council.

The Grand Treasurer, M. I. Comp. Franklin H. Day, reported a balance of $1,735.70 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. William A. Davies, Grand Recorder, submitted his usual complete report of all matters pertaining to the clerical department of the Grand Council.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Council:

"*Resolved,* That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors by Councils of this Jurisdiction be and the same is hereby prohibited."

The Report of Correspondence is a very interesting resume of the Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Councils submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. James Bestor Merritt.

The printers are doubtless at fault for substituting the word Chapters for Councils, in his "Salutatory," and making a "mix-up" of Massachusetts with Kansas and Kansas with Louisiana under the head, respectively, of Kansas and Louisiana.

Companion Merritt justly believes that levity or horse play has no place in the Masonic system and in his review of Indiana says in reply to the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee:

"Under Massachusetts Companion Mordhurst thinks it difficult to confer the S. E. Degree without levity. Now, believing as we do, that Masonry is one of God's ways of communicating religious knowledge, we see no reason for levity in any degree. We have conferred the R. A. and the S. E. without any and see no difficulty in so doing. All that is necessary is to call the attention of the Companion to the real nature of the degree and the lesson it is intended to teach. Even the P. M. in "long form" can be conferred without the slightest breach of decorum. Confusion and perplexity do not necessitate ungentlemanly or unmasonic conduct."

And in the same connection under the head of Massachusetts:

"More than thirty years' continuous experience on the floor and in the East of every legitimate Masonic body has taught us that horse-play and nonsense have no proper place therein, and that a candidate can, and should be, conducted from the door of the E. A. Lodge to the Altar of the Thirty-third Degree and the Triangle of the Temple without the slightest experience, physical or mental, which would tend to lower his estimate of the high and holy lessons intended to be taught. Masonry teaches our duties toward God and man, and should increase our love and respect for both and never ought to be turned into a circus for the amusement of spectators."

Ohio for 1902 receives fraternal review. Courteous mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and

the affairs of the Grand Council, with very complimentary allusions to the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for which the writer begs to make due acknowledgments.

Our esteemed Companion has no use for the "pre-requisite" excuses of pessimistic Companions for the non-success of their Councils because they "are not taken under the wing of the Grand Encampment," and says in his review of Minnesota:

"We have in Oakland Council shown what can be done by a little system of prerequisition of our own. Instead of inviting R. A. Ms. to join the Council before going into the Commandery, we have petitions in their hands when they take the R. A. Degree and inform them that they are not yet R. A. Ms., and we are assured that they never will be till they have labored in the S. V."

And in his conclusion in the same connection he forcible says:

"We can find no plan so perfect—theoretically and practically—as the one we use in California, and ably expressed by our predecessor, Companion Bishop, in one word—Work.

"That is the secret. Half a dozen workers in a Council or Grand Council will do more to extend the Order, and exemplify its principles, than weeks of discussion as to methods.

"If every one of the 6,000 Council members would do a *little* work we would soon occupy the position we so much deserve."

M. Ill. Comp. David M. Sutherland, of Los Angeles, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Wm. A. Davies, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. James. Bestor Merritt, of Oakland.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be held in San Francisco, April 17, 1905.

COLORADO, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 40. Denver, 1903.

The Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado was held in the City of Denver, September 16, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903; M. Ill. Comp. James H. Peabody, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Eight of the nine Chartered Councils on the roll were represented in Grand Council.

Four Past Grand Masters were present and fourteen Grand Councils were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives.

M. Ill. Comp. John Humphreys, of Trinidad, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was in attendance.

In his interesting Annual Address Grand Master Peabody congratulates the Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction upon the harmony and prosperity prevailing therein and forcibly says:

"If we would but put forth the same zeal, and exercise the same earnest ambition to memorize the ritualistic work of the Council Degrees, and confer them with the same realistic effect as is employed in the other branches of Masonry, a very large percentage of the Royal Arch Masons of our country would, I firmly believe, hasten to complete their chain of Masonic knowledge by becoming possessed of the beautiful allegory of Royal and Select Masters, and become efficient Craftsmen in the several arches."

This has been fully demonstrated in Ohio, after the adoption of the system of Annual Official Visitations, a better rendering of the work was soon inaugurated and the monthly meetings of the Subordinate Councils more regularly held—many Councils having previously thereto been in the reprehensible habit of omitting their regular meetings if there was no candidate at hand. It will without doubt be found that dormant Councils are invariably the result of such causes and the Companions permitting this state of affairs are usually loudest in their complaints of "no work," and, instead "of getting a move on themselves," are earnest in their supplications for a pre-requisite panacea or the introduction of mergers or other fads as an excuse for their own supineness.

R. Ill. Comp. Arthur E. Jones, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $814.65 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, reported that all of the Subordinate Councils had "made returns and paid dues" and that current year there were 36 advanced, 1 affiliated, 5 reinstated, 5 died, 5 dimitted and 11 suspended, leaving a net gain of twenty-one in membership.

Total number of members, 463.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence contained in the pamphlet under review and the Proceedings were mostly of local interest.

M. Ill. Comp. Marshall H. Dean, of Glenwood Springs, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, of Denver, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"The Tenth Annual Grand Assembly will be held in Denver, Wednesday evening, September 21, 1904."

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 98. Hartford, 1904.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was held in the City of Hartford, May 11, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. Th. Ill. Comp. Edward E. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master, in the Grand East.

The twenty-two Subordinate Chartered Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Seven Past Grand Masters were in attendance and ten Grand Councils were represented.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. Dwight Waugh, of Stamford, was not present.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Jones, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was prevented by illness from being in attendance, and the following was adopted by the Grand Council:

"*Resolved,* That the heartfelt sympathies of the Grand Council be extended to M. P. Grand Master Charles A. Jones in his illness, which prevents his presence at the Grand Council to-day. And we extend to him our sincere hopes and prayers that the Supreme Grand Master may in his own good time restore him to health."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master submits a concise report of his Official Acts and makes appropriate mention of the demise of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. William Wallace Lee, of that Grand Jurisdiction.

In his report of the restoration of the Charter of a Subordinate Council he says that upon that occasion "the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters were conferred upon a candidate whose application had been held in abeyance for over twenty years. The Committee to whom this petition was originally referred, and

who were unable to report, owing to the revocation of the Charter of this Council, was the same Committee that finally reported favorably in his behalf, after many years.

"The old saying that 'All things come to those who will but wait' was never more vividly illustrated than on this occasion."

The Reports of their Official Visitations by the Deputy Grand Master, the T. I. G. M., and P. C. W., show that the Companions of Connecticut are kept in close official touch.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Isaiah Baker, Jr., reported a balance of $754.10 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. James McCormick, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced current year 267, affiliated and re-instated 7, number dimitted 5, stricken from roll n. p. d. 22, suspended 3, died 75.

Net gain in membership current year, one hundred and sixty-nine.

Total number of members, 4,020.

On report and recommendation of the Committee on Charters—to whom the petition therefore had been referred—a Charter was granted for the establishment of a new Council.

The portrait of Past Grand Master Joseph S. Stokes is contained in the Proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. John H. Barlow, the able Chairman of the Committee, is a concise review in forty-three pages of the Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Councils. In his review of Illinois he says in relation to the formation of the Grand Council of Colorado:

"We do not, nor have we ever, admitted that there was anything clandestine in the formation of this Grand Council. They had a perfect right to form themselves as they did into an independent Grand Council, and that Grand Body at their last Triennial Assembly at Little Rock, we are pleased to note, so decided, which we think settles the question."

Ohio for 1903 receives courteous notice. Fraternal mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and of the Proceedings of the Grand Council. The Report of your Com-

mittee on Foreign Correspondence is kindly commended with an excerpt approvingly made therefrom.

M. Ill. Comp. Edward E. Fuller, of Tolland, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. James McCormick, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. John H. Barlow, of Hartford.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will be held "in New Haven, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in May, 1905."

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super Excellent Masters of England and Wales was held in London, March 10, 1904, A. Dep. 2904, R. Ill. Comp. Frank Richardson, P. D. G. M., in the Grand East as M. I. Grand Master in the absence of the Earl of Euston.

The usual attendance of Officers of the Grand Council and Companions from Subordinate Councils is reported. Number of chartered Councils enrolled, twenty-eight.

Representatives from thirteen Grand Councils were present. The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, P. D. G. M., was in attendance in the discharge of his Official Duties as Grand Recorder. In his Annual Report the Grand Recorder says:

"During the year ending 29th February, 1904, 21 Certificates have been issued, a number but little short of that issued last year, thus clearly showing that the interest in these beautiful Degrees, which are so closely connected with the Craft and Royal Arch, still continues, and that our active Councils lose no opportunity of pressing their claims on every earnest student of Freemasonry. It is sincerely to be hoped that this interest may long continue, and that during the coming year increased progress may reward the exertions of those energetic Companions who so ardently labor in the cause of the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in England and Wales, etc."

"The total number of registered members is now 1,051."

The business of the Annual Assembly was of the usual routine character, relating to local affairs.

A balance of £66.19.4 was reported in the Grand Treasury.

Announcement was made that the M. Ill. Grand Master "had appointed Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart, as Deputy Grand Master, whereupon the Grand Dictator of Ceremonies proclaimed:

"Be it known that Colonel Sir Reginald Hanson, *Bart.*, Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for Middlesex, a member of the Supreme Council, 33°, is appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England, etc., etc."

The Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen St., London, Eng.

(FLORIDA NOT RECEIVED.)

GEORGIA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 29. Macon, 1904.

The Sixty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia was held in the City of Macon, April 26, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. Robert L. Colding, Grand Master, presiding.

Fifteen of the twenty-three working Chartered Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Two Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of sixteen Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Colding, of Savannah, is the Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a thoughtful Masonic paper, with no pessimistic fears for the future of the Rite. In its Introductory he devoutly says:

"Through the infinite wisdom of Almighty God, whose gracious kindness knows no end and of whose manifold mercies and blessings we are daily recipients, we are permitted once more to meet together in Annual Assembly to renew our associations, profit by the experiences of the past, legislate for the future, and in every way do all that we can to assist in upbuilding this noble

institution which has been the pride of past generations and which must continue in its noble and glorious work until the sun of human intellect shall set forever. Peace, harmony and good will pervade within our Jurisdiction, not one question in Masonic law has been submitted to me for a decision, which speaks eloquently of the intelligence of the presiding officers of Subordinate Councils, and of the fraternal spirit of the Companions who compose them."

Under the head of "Necrology" he makes sympathetic mention of "the removal to the world beyond" of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. William A. Graham, of that Jurisdiction.

He reported the issue of Dispensations for the establishment of two new Councils and the resuscitation of one dormant Council.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. W. A. Wolihin, reported that twenty-two of their "twenty-seven working Councils had reported current year, but he submitted no report in detail of 'work in the Rite.'"

Number of Companions on the roll of Councils reported, 781.

On Report and Recommendation of the Committee on Charters and By-laws, Charters were voted to the two Councils working under Dispensation.

In concluding their Report the Committee on Jurisprudence "congratulates the Grand Council on the condition of Cryptic Masonry in its Jurisdiction. United and prosperous, its possibilities for good in the future are unbounded, and too much praise cannot be given to our retiring Grand Master for the great part he has had in bringing it up to its present high standing."

In his "Address of Acceptance" the Grand Master-elect forcibly says:

"The cause of lapse of interest in any organization is more often than otherwise the fault of the officers. They must make the meetings attractive, the lodge room cheerful. Then the Companions will gladly come and the officers will receive that support without which they will become disheartened and ready to give up hope."

And "let the officers see that all the necessaries for a proper presentation of the Degrees is at hand. Let them elevate the mental as well as the moral tone of their membership, read and study our ritual and history, attend the Assemblies, make them interesting and instructive, and when the next Grand Assembly is opened in this hall, it will be before the representatives of an

enthusiastic, earnest and aggressive body of devoted Cryptic Masons."

No Report on Foreign Correspondence. M. Ill. Companion Joseph C. Greenfield, of Atlanta, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. W. A. Wolihin, of Macon, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Committee on Correspondence, Ill. Comp. A. M. Lambdin, of Barnesville.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Georgia will be held in the City of Macon, April 25, 1905.

ILLINOIS, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 90. Peoria, 1903.

The Fifty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago, October 28, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. John C. Hallenbeck, presiding.

Thirty-eight Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, fifty-two.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Thirty-three Grand Councils were represented by the attendance of their Grand Representatives.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, Ill. Comp. George W. Curtiss, of Peoria, was reported among those present.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Hallenbeck, whose portrait follows the title page of the Proceedings, is a concise report of his official acts and recommendations. He reports—very wisely in the opinion of your Committee—that he had "sent a letter to the Thrice Ill. Masters of the various Councils *located in Chicago*, forbidding them conferring at the same Assembly the Super Excellent Degree with the Royal and Select Master Degrees without permission from the Grand Master."

The Companions are congratulated upon their harmony and prosperity. He believes in the efficacy of Official Visitations and that "it is the duty of the Grand Officers to visit the Subordinate Councils" for their encouragement and instruction.

R. Ill. Comp. John C. Smith, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $770.96 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced current year, 357; affiliated, 17; reinstated, 9; number of dimitted, 43; suspended, 80; died, 48. Net gain at date of report, 213. Additional membership in subsequent reports, total gain, 415.

Total number of members, 3,764.

The Obituary Committee in their report make fitting mention of the demise of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. Wilbur F. Bromfield, of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The minutes of the "Eighth Mass Convention" of the Rite in Illinois were read in Grand Council and suggested changes in Ritual were referred to the "Committee on Condition of the Rite."

The following, in recognition of the literary services of M. Ill. Comp. George W. Warvelle, was unanimously adopted by the Grand Council:

"*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Council are due and are hereby extended to M. Ill. Comp. George W. Warvelle for the admirable book from his pen on the "History of the Rite," a work that has not only taken much time, but shows no small amount of research in its compilation. His love for the Craft, his zeal in its behalf, are characteristic of that Companion which this Grand Council delights to honor."

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by M. Ill. Companion George W. Warvelle, Chairman of the Committee, is a very interesting paper of twenty-eight pages. In it twenty-eight Grand Councils are concisely reviewed, with brief papers on "The Sleepers," "A Question of Legitimacy," "Cryptic Nomenclature," "Historical Notes," "The Bath Kol," and the "Broken Triangle." The writer concurs in the views of Companion Warvelle in relation to the "Broken Triangle," although dissenting from a too literal construction of Cryptic history.

Fraternal notice is extended to Ohio for 1902 with a liberal quotation from the views of the writer. Upon the subject of "Cryptic Nomenclature" Comp. Warvelle says:

"I have several times adverted to our present clumsy and inexpressive name of Royal and Select Masters, and the propriety of such a change as shall indicate a distinctively Masonic character for our Degrees. The name that suggests itself is 'Cryptic Masons.' This term has received the approval of our best writers, and is now extensively employed, in an unofficial way, by a very large portion of the Craft. The subject of a change has many times been mooted in this Jurisdiction and a strong sentiment seems to have developed that such change is desirable if not necessary. But the strong conservative feeling that has ever characterized the Masons of Illinois has thus far prevented us from taking so radical a step as to discard the name bestowed upon the Rite by the fathers who founded it, and, as a consequence, we still carry the old and cumbersome title."

Well! whether cumbersome or otherwise, the old designation of a "Royal and Select Master" without "prefix or affix" is good enough for the writer.

Of the Rite Comp. Warvelle says:

"A survey of the past year discloses the fact that the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry has made substantial advances over previous years, and that at no time in our history have we been stronger or more influential than at present. I note also another, to me at least, significant fact, the men who are prominently identified with this branch of Masonry, are, as a rule, the earnest, zealous, and learned members of the craft—the select, if you please, in fact as well as in name."

M. Ill. Comp. A. M. Hallowell, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. George W. Warvelle, of Chicago.

"The next Annual Assembly (Fifty-Second) of the Grand Council will be held in the City of Chicago, Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of October, A. D. 1904."

INDIANA, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 111. Indianapolis, 1903.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana, was held October 20, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, in the City of Indianapolis.

The Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. George F. Keiper, Sr., in the Grand East.

All of the fifty-four Chartered Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented in the Grand Council.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance and Grand Representatives from twenty-six Grand Councils were present.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, Ill. Comp. Simeon P. Gillett, of Evansville, was not in attendance, but sent a letter through the Grand Recorder "expressing his regrets at being unable to be present at this meeting and extending greetings."

The Annual Address of Grand Master Keiper is an interesting report of the official acts and recommendations of an efficient energetic Grand Officer. His encyclical to the Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction upon the assumption of the duties of Grand Master was of that enthusiastic character calculated to inspire zealous effort upon the part of every Companion. In it he says:

"When a Companion has been exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, you are still under obligation to him to give him all the Masonic Light which you possess, in the lawful way, of course. See that he petitions your Council for it forthwith, and "don't wait for your Thrice Illustrious Master to solicit you to attend the stated communications of your Councils. Hold up his hands by attending the meeting and giving him such help as he may need and solicit."

Appropriate mention is made of the demise of Past Grand Master of the late M. Ill. Comp. John J. Richards, of that Grand Council.

Dispensations were issued for the establishment of two new Councils and Grand Master Keiper congratulates the Companions of Indiana upon the prosperity of the Rite within that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. Martin H. Rice, reported a balance of $1605.07 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Recorder, reports number advanced, current year, 285. Affiliated, 17. Re-instated, 26. Number died, 40. Dimitted, 43. Suspended, n. p. d., 26.

Suspended, u. c., 1. Expelled, 3. Net gain for current year, two hundred and fifteen. Total membership reported, 3357.

On report and recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to the two Councils working under dispensation.

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

M. Ill. Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder in General Grand Council, Chairman of the Committe on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a courteous review of the printed proceedings of thirty Grand Councils. Under the head of New York he reproduces the "interesting report on the early history of the Grand Council " of New York, by Past Grand Master George McGown.

Ohio for 1902 reecives fraternal notice, and commendatory mention is made of the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his conclusion Comp. Mordhurst says:

"Cryptic Masonry has made wonderful strides since this writer submitted his first review to the Grand Council of Indiana, fifteen years ago, and if financial prosperity continues, can be depended upon to make even greater gains. Indiana is not only holding its own, but will soon advance from seventh to sixth in number of members, while Ohio is crowding Massachusetts for first place."

The Annual Proceedings of Massachusetts and Ohio for 1903 show that Ohio now has first place.

M. Ill. Comp. Joseph I. Schumacher, of Anderson, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, of Indianapolis, reelected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne.

"The next Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana will be held in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, 1904."

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 49. Denison, 1904.

The Tenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory was held in Mucogee, April 13, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, Rev. Comp. Joseph Samuel Murrow, M. Ill. Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Eight Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, eight.

Number of Councils U. D., one.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representatives of twelve Grand Councils were in attendance.

M. Ill. Companion William L. Eagleton, of Pawnee, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was present as Deputy Grand Master and was at this session advanced to the Grand East. The congratulations of Ohio are extended to our M. Ill. Companion.

The reminiscent character of the Annual Address of Grand Master Murrow makes it of especial interest. In this connection he says:

"Had anyone prophesied to me when I first came to this Territory, nearly forty-seven years ago, that I should live to witness such a condition of material wealth and development as we now see, I should have replied that the age of Methuselah has long since passed. Little did I think when I used to jog along on my pony from old North-Fork town on the Canadian, over this very prairie, on preaching trips to old Creek Agency, an all-day ride, that I should ever witness here a great city, with its blocks of brick buildings, its schools, its colleges, its churches, its big hotels, its railroads, its oil wells and its ten thousand people. Then glad was I to stop all night with old friend Job, and stake my pony on the grass. Those were good old times, my brethren. There were no lawyers, nor grafters, nor speculators, nor editors to worry us to death. Poor Lo was monarch of all he surveyed. He knew nothing of the black diamonds and oil and asphalt and natural gas that lay concealed in the bowels of his country, which in the near future would make the white people rich. His own natural gas in the councils of his people was something he highly esteemed, and this he spouted and gushed forth at every opportunity. In

those good old times we never heard the slogan, "remove the restrictions.' On the contrary, I have heard white people, as they passed through the Territory, declare: 'I would not live in this God-forsaken land if the government and the Indians would give me the whole of it.' Now they are moving—well, the other place—to get a little spot of this 'God-forsaken land.' "

He also gives an interesting recital of the introduction, through his efforts, of Cryptic Masonry in the two Territories. In his conclusion he says:

"I am old, but I hope to see the day when the Cryptic Rite will be as popular and as much sought after as the other branches of Masonry. The Degrees and their teachings are as beautiful and valuable as any taught in Masonry."

R. Ill. Comp. Ira B. Kirkland, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $146.65 in the Grand Treasury.

In his Annual Report the Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. R. Y. Morrison, pays the following beautiful tribute to Grand Master Murrow, viz.:

"I would signally fail in my duty if I allowed this opportunity to pass without paying a just and well-earned tribute to our Grand Master, Joseph Samuel Murrow, 'the Patriarch' of Indian Territory Masons. To this grand and good old man is due the most sincere respect and truest loyalty that exists in the breast of every Mason in this Jurisdiction. Long and faithfully has he served the Fraternity in the Indian Territory. He has enjoyed, and justly, its highest honors, and now to that white hair and snowy beard is due the most sublime tribute our noble Fraternity has to bestow. Ours has been the privilege to serve under him, to shake his hand, and for this we are greatly honored, and when it pleases the Divine Architect to call our beloved brother to his reward, he will leave a vacancy in our ranks and an ache in our hearts that will remain with us for many years to come. May God bless him!"

He reports number advanced current year, 21; affiliated, 3; number dimitted, 2; suspended, 5; died, 3. Net gain current year, fourteen.

Total membership reported, 224.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. William L. Eagleton, of Pawnee, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp., Rev. Joseph S. Murrow, of Atoka, elected Grand Recorder.

"The Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Royal and Select Masters of Indian and Oklahoma Territories will be held, D. V., in Oklahoma City, O. T., on Wednesday after the third Tuesday in April, 1905."

IOWA, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 58. Oskaloosa, 1903.

The Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Iowa was held in the City of Oskaloosa, September 2, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. F. W. Craig, presiding.

Nine of the sixteen Chartered Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Two Past Grand Masters were present and eighteen Grand Councils were represented by the attendance of their Grand Representatives.

M. Ill. Comp. A. R. Dewey, of Washington, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was present and an active participant in the legislative affairs of the Grand Council.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. F. W. Craig, is a succinct report of official duties discharged. In it he extols "the beautiful ceremonies and valuable lessons" of the Cryptic Rite and congratulates the Companions of Iowa upon the success of their labors in the S. V. He issued Dispensations for the establishment of five new Councils and believes the outlook to be favorable for the establishment of others in very desirable localities if zealous efforts are made upon the part of the Companions.

R. Ill. Comp. R. C. Hoffman, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $774.38 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder, reports number advanced current year, 111; affiliated, 21; number dimitted, 20; suspended, 3; died, 4; net gain current year, 105.

Total number of members reported, 734.

On report and recommendation of the Committee on Councils, Charters were granted to four Councils working under Dispensations.

Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Wm. F. Cleveland, Chair-

man of the Committee on Correspondence, concisely and courteously reviews in twenty-four pages the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils.

In his Introductory he says: "Encouraging reports come to us from nearly all of the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed, and the day is not far distant, we hope, when it will command that attention and recognition from the Masonic world that its rare ritualistic beauty and intimate connection with Ancient Craft Masonry richly entitles it."

Fraternal notice is extended to the Proceedings of Ohio for 1902. The method of official opening mentioned was one of those errors that sometimes inadvertently occur from really zealous efforts, but has since been corrected.

Of the Report of Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, forgetting evidently that Ohio is officially represented by M. Ill. Comp. A. R. Dewey, he says:

"Iowa is not even mentioned; perhaps he did not get a copy of our Proceedings, but he must have known that we had a new Grand Council in Iowa. For twenty years the Cryptic Rite was controlled by the Chapters, for which deplorable condition the Grand Council of Ohio was primarily the indirect cause; but now that we have asserted ourselves, established Chartered Councils throughout the Jurisdiction, and have a full-fledged Grand Council, we rather look to the Grand Council of Ohio to extend to us at least a formal recognition. He presents a good report and seems very much encouraged with the outlook, and truthfully says: 'The prosperity we enjoy, as a body, is measured largely by the amount of interest we take in it ourselves."

In reply, *first*—If Comp. Cleveland will refer to the Report of the writer for 1901, he will find due notice given to the Organization of the Grand Council of Iowa, with the Congratulations of the Grand Council of Ohio, etc. *Second,* As the Chairman of the Ohio Committee *was not* favored with a copy of the 1901 Iowa Proceedings, its review was necessarily omitted in the 1902 Report of the Ohio Committee, much to the regret of the writer.

Third—As the Grand Council of Ohio has always maintained its autonomy from the date of its organization over sixty years ago, the writer fails to see how the Iowa merger was in *any manner due* to Ohio. The efforts to disrupt the Grand Council of Ohio by the concerted action of its enemies were signally defeated

and their action and delusive arguments certainly should not be charged to the Grand Council of Ohio.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles O. Greever, of Des Moines, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Alf. Wingate, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. William F. Cleveland, of Harlan.

"The Fifth Annual Assembly will be held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, during the third week in July, 1904."

KANSAS, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 120. Leavenworth, 1903.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kansas was held in the City of Wichita, February 16, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, M. Ill. Comp. Thomas G. Fitch, Grand Master, presiding.

Representatives were in atendance from eight Subordinate Councils.

Number of working Chartered Councils on the roll, ten.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present and Grand Representatives were in attendance from twenty-one Grand Councils. The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. Thomas L. Bond, of Salina, was among the number present.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Thomas Geyer Fitch, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, is a brief recital of Official Acts and Recommendations. In it he expresses his regrets at the apparent apathay in their Crypic Circles, but is hopeful for the future. He makes appropriate mention of the demise of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. Archibald Argyle Carnahan, of that Grand Jurisdiction. Companion Carnahan was born at Loudonville, Ohio. He also mentions the demise of the late M. Ill. Comp. Andrew M. Callahan, also of that Grand Jurisdiction. Portraits of these eminent Companions are contained in the pamphlet under review.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Peter J. Freling, reported a balance of $608.77 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, Grand Recorder, reports that:

"An examination of the returns received from the nine Councils shows the following facts: Only four of the Councils report work, twenty-six Companions being greeted; two Companions were admitted, and two restored, making a gross addition of thirty. To offset this were the following deductions: Dimitted, thirty; died, twelve; suspensions, non-payment of dues, forty-five; total, eighty-seven. The net loss in membership is fifty-seven; two Councils report slight gains, one maintains its last year's enrollment, and six show net losses."

Of their commendable plan for a membership at large, he says:

"The lists of membership in defunct Councils, which constitute the roll of Cryptic members at large of this Grand Council, are not in good condition. Notices of dues have been sent to such of the lists as are now available, where the postoffice addresses could be ascertained. It will take some little work to get this provision of our law running smoothly, but we are convinced that this method will prove successful in straightening out a number of Cryptic records. We hope to make a more satisfactory showing of this matter during the coming year."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by the Grand Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee, is a careful and courteous review of the Proceedings of thirty Grand Councils in an interesting paper of fifty-six pages.

In his review of Illinois he expresses the belief that three-fourths of the Subordinate Councils "in the various Jurisdictions are in a state of 'innocuous desuetude,'" and that "the thoughtless aspirant for the waving plume and glitering sword of the Templar looks upon the Cryptic Degrees as a sort of insignificant, harmless side-show, and the average Royal and Select Master acts as though he was afraid this was true, or dared not set his face indignantly against such a thought."

The leaven of energy and zeal infused in every Council by but one or more enthusiastic, intelligent Companions, with occasional Official Visitations, would soon change any camatose condition in Subordinate Councils.

Under the head of New York he says *in re* to the proposed change of name:

"We must confess that we are not impressed with the desirableness of the amendments offered by Comp. Osgoodby. The

change in name recommended is like attempting to change the names of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the 'Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masons,' or 'Speculative Masons,' and to the 'Grand Chapter of Capitular Masons.' We admit the desirableness of the word 'Masons' in the title, but the phrase 'Royal and Select' has become firmly fixed, and we believe it would be far better to change to the 'Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons,' or 'Royal and Select Master Masons,' than to the term 'Cryptic Masons.'"

The term "Mason" is "understood," although not expressed and therefore would be but a useless change.

Ohio for 1902 receives fraternal notice and commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and of the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Wm. C. Reichenbach, of Topeka, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas will be held in the City of Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 15, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904."

KENTUCKY.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. . Frankfort, 1903.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky was held in the City of Louisville, October 19, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, Companion Eusebius S. Mayes, M. Ill. Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty.

Number of Chartered Councils reporting current year, fifteen.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The number of Grand Councils represented is not stated.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. Charles Henry Fisk, of Covington, was in attendance.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Mayes is a succinct report of official duties discharged.

In it he appropriately says of our loved friend, the late M. Ill. Companion James W. Staton, whose demise was noted in the Report of your Committee last year—

"On the 27th day of June, 1903, the gate of that undiscovered country where we are to receive our wages, was open for our Very Illustrious Grand Recorder James W. Staton, who was one of the brightest stars in the Constellation of Kentucky Masons, having worn the highest honors of Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry. In 1893 he was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; in 1876, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; in 1889, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, and at the time of his death he was Very Illustrious Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Council, which office he has occupied since 1898. In every position he occupied he performed the many duties devolving upon him with zeal and fidelity and honor to the Fraternity."

M. Ill. Comp. William Ryan, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $442.37 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Henry B. Grant, reported number advanced current year, 76; affiliated, 6; reinstated, 12; number died, 13; dimitted, 11; suspended, 17; net gain reported, forty-three.

Total number of members reported current year, 916.

The Constitution of the Grand Council of Kentucky is published as an Appendix to the Proceedings. In Sec. 8 of Article I, the Grand Council—loyal to Craft Masonry—designates the several Masonic Bodies officially recognized as Masonic, and denounces Cerneauism and all of its illegitimate progeny. Membership in, or co-operation in any manner therewith by any Royal and Select Master, subjecting such Companion to expulsion.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Guy Barrett, of Frankfort, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Henry B. Grant, of Louisville, elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. James W. Hopper, of Louisville.

(LOUISIANA NOT RECEIVED.)

MAINE, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 104. Portland, 1903.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maine was held in the City of Portland, May 6, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles E. Meservey, presiding.

Representatives were in attendance from thirteen of the sixteen Chartered Councils on the roll of the Grand Council.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present with the Grand Representatives of twenty-four Councils.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. Webster Hazlewood, of Andover, Mass., was not present.

Fourteen pages were required for the Annual Address of Grand Master Meservey—a very complete report of the Official Affairs of that Grand Council. In it he pays a fitting tribute to the memory of Past Grand Masters, the late M. Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, the late M. Ill. Companion Edward P. Burnham—whose obituaries were published in your Proceedings of last year—and of the late M. Ill. Comp. Denison E. Seymour, all of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Official Visitations of the three principal Grand Officers show that close official relations are maintained with the Subordinate Councils.

In his Report of Visitations the G. P. C. W., R. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase, expresses the belief that all Subordinate Councils should hold their regular Assemblies, and work at each when possible, instead of doing class work on special occasions. The experience in Ohio fully sustains the necessity of regular meetings.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Leander W. Fobes, reported a balance of $562.88 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Stephen Berry, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced current year, 262; affiliated, 5; reinstated, 5; number dimitted, 13; suspended from membership, 15; expelled, 1; died, 48. Net gain current year, 195. Total number of members, 3,057.

R. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a well-written paper of forty-three pages, fraternally reviews the Printed Proceedings of thirty-two Grand Councils.

Ohio for 1902 receives courteous notice. Of its Annual Assembly he says:

"Just how a Mayor of the city, not a Mason, could be introduced into a Grand Council we do not understand. But he made a most pleasing address of welcome to the members of the Masonic Order."

In reply: The reception was in a congregated Assembly of the officers and members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio and *not* in open Grand Council. (This may be done before the regular opening or by "calling off" for that purpose after the opening.)

Commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and of the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In his conclusion Companion Chase pertinently says:

"We have quoted quite liberally from the conclusions of many of the Correspondents, so that it is hardly necessary to call your attention to the fact that Cryptic Masonry flourishes just so far as those interested therein make themselves felt in the performance of duties severally enjoined upon them. We, in Maine, are among the first in activity—we have only one Council that lags, and that more from its location, perhaps, than for any other reason. But we must not allow our interest to wane, and that it may not we must labor upon many of the lines indicated in the excerpts that have been made."

M. Ill. Comp. Wm. Freeman Lord, of Auburn, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Stephen Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase, of Portland.

"The Fiftieth Annual Assembly will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on Wednesday, May 4, 1904, at 2 P. M."

MASSACHUSETTS, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 117. Boston, 1903.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Boston, December 9, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903, M. Ill. Comp. Forrest E. Barker, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

"The entrance of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Officers was proclaimed by Illustrious Companion Fred M. Sampson, Grand Master of Ceremonies, at nine o'clock and twenty minutes A. M., and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, Illustrious Companion James E. McCreery officiating at the Altar."

Nineteen Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-seven.

Four Past Grand Masters were in attendance and Grand Representatives were present from nineteen Grand Councils.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, was in attendance in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Barker, in his Annual Address forcibly says in relation to Official Visitations:

"In my judgment too much cannot be said in praise of this portion of the work of the Grand Council or of the value of this system of annual inspection now, through the activity and wisdom of my predecessors, so firmly established in the policy of this Grand Council. When effectively conducted these visits afford an invaluable means for aiding and inspiring the officers and members with broader and higher conceptions of our sublime degrees and for encouraging them to more assiduous devotion to the general welfare of the Rite. To this constant supervision and the regular Exemplifications, hereinafter referred to, are due in the greatest measure that strength and vigor in the Subordinate Councils which is so flattering to this Grand Body."

M. Ill. Comp. William B. Lawrence, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $686.11 in the Grand Treasury.

The Board of "Trustees of the Funds" reported total investments of $4,048.43.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, re-

ported number affiliated, reinstated, etc., current year, 338; number dimitted, 80; suspended, 38; died, 103.

Net gain current year, 116.

Total number of members, 6,661.

As the membership in Ohio, reported by Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. William E. Evans, Oct. 13, 1903, is shown to be 6,827. Ohio now heads the list, with Massachusetts the close second.

A portrait on steel of Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Norris, is a frontispiece to the Printed Proceedings.

The application for a Charter by the Council working under Dispensation was referred to the Grand Master with power to act.

R. Ill. Companion J. Gilman Waite, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, devotes sixty pages of the pamphlet under review to a courteous *resume* of the Printed Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils. Ohio, much to the regret of your Committee, not being among the number under review.

In concluding his very interesting report, Companion Waite pertinently says:

"The varying condition of the Rite, in different Jurisdictions, seems to be largely dependent upon the administration of the Grand and Subordinate Officers of their respective offices. One of the greatest drawbacks in the advancement of the standing of the Rite is the too rapid promotion of *all* officers. How frequently we read, at the end of a year entered upon with high and lofty intentions, of failure in their accomplishment, regrets over the failure, and little left but appreciation of 'the high honor conferred' and some good advice given to an aspiring successor, as 'the Emblem of authority' is yielded up to him. Yet this is no picture of the imagination. The result may be seen in the incomplete Returns of Subordinate to Grand Councils; lack of interest in the officers of subordinate bodies, because of the great neglect of those who are placed as the overseers of the Work; all tending to a general loss of interest; Councils becoming 'dormant,' Charters surrendered or arrested, ending in a somewhat disintegrated situation of the whole Jurisdiction.

"We have read considerable about 'Pre-requisites,' etc. The inference drawn from what we have read is that the *first* is Work; the *second* is like unto it, *Work,* and the Grand Officers who are trying to throw a rope (or straw, if you please,) up to the Grand Encampment in the hope that it will make an application for the Orders of Knighthood dependent upon membership in the Coun-

cil, as well as Lodge and Chapter, we believe, will accomplish far more for the Rite by encouraging the officers of Subordinate Councils to *Work.*"

M. Ill. Comp. Forrest E. Barker, of Worcester, was re-elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, of Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 136. Port Huron, 1904.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was held in the City of Lansing, January 18, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. John H. Kingsley, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, presiding.

Fifty-two of the fifty-eight Chartered Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of twenty-two Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. George A. Cross, of Lawrence, was one of the number present.

In his Annual Address Grand Master Kingsley thoughtfully says in its introductory:

"The power and influence of Masonry for good seem boundless. As a social and fraternal organization it reaches out to every part of the globe. Everywhere we find evidence of its presence. The modest lodgeroom in the smaller towns and the magnificent structures in the great commercial centers, were all inspired by the same motives. Every man who crosses the threshold of one of these as a candidate for Masonic mysteries, from the smallest to the most imposing, conforms to the same ceremony. Within their walls every man is another's equal. The wealthy manufacturer sits at the banquet table with the man who works at the forge or lathe in his factory; the banker, beside the laborer; the scientist and the mechanic, the architect and the builder, the clergy and the layman, all meet on the same level, all are bound by the same ties."

His report of visitations and other official acts show a zealous interest in the Cryptic affairs of that Grand Jurisdiction.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles M. Norton, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $2,164.25 in the Grand Treasury.

The portrait of the Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Chas. A. Conover, precedes his Annual Report, in which he says:

"The net gain in membership is almost double what it was last year, showing an increasing interest in Council work throughout the State. Several localities are considering the formation of Councils, and the future looks exceedingly bright. The statistics show that one out of every three Royal Arch Masons in the State take the Council Degrees, and as only 40 per cent. of the Chapter members take Commandery Orders it is a highly satisfactory condition, showing that dependent Council membership would be of little benefit, as the extra members gained would use the Degrees only as stepping stones to something beyond, and have no special interest in the Council. Now, those taking the Council Degrees do so because they want them, not because they think they are obliged to."

Number advanced current year, 468; affiliated, 28; reinstated, 6; number died, 68; dimitted, 58; suspended, 54. Net gain current year, 322.

Total number of members, 5,130.

After an Official Reception of Grand Representatives, our Eminent "Companion Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain, extended congratulations to the M. Ill. Grand Master on the excellent attendance at this Annual Assembly, one hundred and five Companions being present, and recalled the time when the Grand Council was a mere handful of Companions struggling to advance the principles and teachings of Cryptic Masonry. Now Michigan is surpassed in numbers only by Ohio and Massachusetts."

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

A portrait and biographical sketch of the late Eminent R. Ill. Companion Jefferson S. Conover, for several years Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Michigan, is contained in the pamphlet under review.

R. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Conover, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, in an interesting report of seventy-two pages, submits a courteous summary of the Proceedings of the Grand Councils under review. Of Ohio he says:

"The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio was

held in September, 1903, but as the Proceedings have not yet reached this office, we are obliged to close our report without a review of Ohio, much to our regret."

The absence of the Ohio Proceedings is equally regretted by your Committee.

Companion Conover is to be congratulated "upon his work" and his appreciation of the duties of Correspondent. In his conclusion he modestly says:

"Here ends this my first Report on Correspondence for the Grand Council, and it is hoped that it will prove not altogether uninteresting to the Fraternity of this Grand Jurisdiction. The complaint has been not so much about the kind of a report, as that the Companions do not give time to reading them that they should. Certainly there is no way in which the Companions of this Jurisdiction can become familiar with the doings and methods of other Jurisdictions as well as by reading the Correspondence Reports published in the Proceedings of the various branches of the Craft. There is without a shadow of doubt a growing interest manifested in Correspondence Reports. I do not suppose the report just completed will exactly suit every reader, as each necessarily has his own idea of what a Correspondence Report should be, but it is now on record and must stand for what it is worth."

M. Ill. Comp. Dallas B. Alton, of Fremont, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Conover, of Coldwater, elected Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Officers were installed by the Venerable M. Ill. Comp., Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy.

"The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan will be held in the City of Detroit, on Monday, preceding the third Tuesday in January, 1905, (being the 16th), at 7 o'clock P. M."

MINNESOTA, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 55. St. Paul, 1903.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota was held in the City of Minneapolis, Oct. 12, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Eben E. Corliss, whose portrait faces the title page of the Printed Proceedings, in the Grand East.

Representatives were in attendance from the seven Chartered Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and Grand Representatives were in attendance from twenty-seven Grand Councils.

The Grand Representative of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, was in attendance in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Recorder.

In a brief Annual Address the Grand Master reminds the Companions that their Councils "have made a satisfactory increase in the number of their members," and that "Cryptic Masonry is beautiful in itself; it is instructive and elevating to its members, who are all honored by having been received within its circle. We should be content that our Order is select, and that its doors are not open, but only ajar, to those who have the subordinate as well as the higher degrees of Masonry, and who evince some interest in the great truths and lessons of ancient Masonry. Cryptic Masonry does not need or desire great numbers; it wants and needs only the noble Adonirams, who possess zeal and genuine worth."

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. G. W. Merrill, reported a balance of $265.27 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced current year, 89; affiliated, 4; reinstated, 1; number dimitted, 8; stricken from roll, 13; died, 8.

Net gain in membership current year, sixty-five.

Total number of members, 742.

A very interesting sketch of the early history of Cryptic Masonry in that State is contained in the pamphlet under review. The Convention of Delegates for the formation of a Grand Council, was held in St. Paul, December 12, 1870, and after the necessary preliminary legislation the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota was formed and its first Annual Assembly held. At this session it was

"*Resolved,* That St. Paul Council No. 11, Minneapolis Council No. 15, and Rochester Council No. 16, whose Charters were granted by the Grand Council of Iowa, now constituting the Grand Council of Minnesota, shall hereafter be designated in this Jurisdiction as St. Paul Council No. 1, Minneapolis Council No. 2, and Rochester Council No. 3, of Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Recorder is hereby directed to endorse on the back of the Charters of said Councils a copy of this resolution."

In thirty pages of the Proceedings, R. Ill. Comp. Thomas

Montgomery, as Chairman on Correspondence, submits a courteous abstract of the Printed Proceedings of Grand Councils under review.

Fraternal notice is accorded to the Proceedings of Ohio for 1902 and commendatory mention made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Thomas G. Lee, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, of St. Paul, re-elected Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota will be held in St. Paul, October 10, 1904.

MISSISSIPPI, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 59. Vicksburg, 1904.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the City of Greenville, February 17, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, Companion Phineas M. Savery, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-five Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, forty-four.

Number of Councils reporting, thirty-three.

Number of Past Grand Masters present not stated.

The Grand Representatives of twenty-one Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, Ill. Comp. S. M. Roane, of West Point, was one among the Companions who "responded to the last summons and passed out through the Arches into the Grand Council on high."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Sanery, succinctly reports in seven pages the official transactions pertaining to his office. Sympathetic mention is made in his address of the demise of their Grand Lecturer, the late R. Ill. Comp. John Lloyd Spinks, and of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. John Riley, of that Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master having requested, through an official circular letter, that each

Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Mississippi should make an Official Report *in re* the Grand Council officially represented, the reports of eleven Grand Representatives are appended to the Address of the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Gus J. Bahin, reported a balance of $611.98 in the Grand Treasury.

M .Ill. Comp. Frederic Speed, Grand Recorder, in his statistical summary, reports number advanced current year, 161; affiliated, 10; reinstated, 8; number demitted, 17; died, 25; suspended, n. p. d., 30. Net gain current year, 107.

Total number of members, 1,385.

Of the condition of the Rite Comp. Speed says:

"The number of Greeted, although not so large as in former years, has been sufficient to give us great encouragement and, notwithstanding the number of Returns of Councils is smaller, up to the same time than last year, the outlook is altogether favorable."

The Law Committee reported that jurisdictional lines between Subordinate Councils had been abolished "some years since" by the Grand Council in that Grand Jurisdiction.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

A portrait of the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. John S. Cobb, is a frontispiece to the Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. Phineas M. Savery, of Tupelo, was re-elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Frederic Speed, of Vicksburg, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Mississippi "will be held at Jackson," Feb. 21, 1905.

MISSOURI, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 48. St. Louis, 1904.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri was held in the City of St. Louis, April 28, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Robert F. Stevenson, in the Grand East.

Representatives were in attendance from thirteen Subordinate Councils.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, fourteen.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of twenty-four Grand Councils were in attendance.

M. Ill. Comp. John R. Parson, of St. Louis, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was present.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Robert F. Stevenson, is a frontispiece to the Proceedings.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a very complete report of his Visitations and other Official Acts. Of his visitations he says:

"I have visited eleven out of the fourteen Councils in the Jurisdiction, encouraging each to the performance of duty. I regret my inability to have personally visited all. I have written letters to the Deputies in charge of Districts, but without encouragement or results. The District system is a failure. The Councils appreciate the visits of the Grand Council Officers and will recognize none other. Missionary effort alone can place Cryptic Masonry in its proper position, and it is useless to establish weak Councils and depend on the locality to furnish the stimulant necessary to raise them into vigorous growth."

Under Necrology he says:

"Our Jurisdiction has not been spared from the invisible hand, and it is well repeated that there are no distinctions between those upon the checquered pavement or upon ivory thrones. Three Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters have finished life's work and gone to their reward. Companions Reuben Barnsy, Elijah H. Phelps and Thomas Seal, honored, while living, by your suffrage and elevated to the highest position within your gift, were called during the year just passed. The Councils are draped in mourning for those who have led them into the ninth arch and the ranks of those who wrought with swords and trowels present no unbroken front."

He recommends that young men should be put in official positions and that Official Visitations should be made to every Subordinate Council.

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. Noah M. Givan, reported a balance of $1,353.65 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder, in his "Tabular Statement" reports number of advanced current year, 152; affiliated, 11; reinstated, 4; number dimitted, 23; suspended, n.

p. d., 21; died, 11. Net gain current year, 112. Total number of members, 1,084.

A biographical sketch and portrait of Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. William Raens Stubblefield, is contained in the pamphlet under review.

A brief Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. Ill. Comp. William H. Mayo, whose interesting table of statistics is appended to this report and due acknowledgments therefor herewith extended to our M. Ill. Companion.

M. Ill. Comp. Gib. W. Carson, of St. Louis, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri will be held in St. Louis, April 25, 1905.

NEBRASKA, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 39. Omaha, 1904.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Nebraska was held in the City of Omaha, December 16, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, M. Ill. Comp. William L. Ritter, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Twelve of the sixteen Chartered Councils on the roll were represented in Grand Council.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of seventeen Grand Councils were in attendance.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Phelps, of Schuyler, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was present and an active participant in Grand Council affairs.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Ritter is a brief report of his Official Acts and Recommendations. He issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Councils and recommended that the State should be divided into Districts for the purpose of Official Visitations by a Grand Officer designated for each District.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. John S. Harman, reported a balance of $756.49 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Francis E. White, Grand Recorder, reported

number of advanced current year, 129; affiliated, 7; reinstated, etc., 4; number dimitted, 7; suspended, 6; died, 3.

Net gain current year, 124.

Total number of members, 699.

On report and recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to two Councils working U. D.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a report from the Grand Representatives of each Grand Council collated into one general report.

The Proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils were fraternally reviewed in this manner. Five others, including Ohio, were not under review, as the Grand Representative of each had not received a copy of the Annual Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. Arthur Truesdell, of Fremont, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Francis E. White, of Omaha, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Nebraska will be held in Omaha, December 14, 1904.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 93. Concord, 1903.

The Forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord, May 18, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. St. Clair, in the Grand East.

Eleven of the fourteen Chartered Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of fifteen Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. George H. Everett, of Laconia, was not reported present.

A portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. B. F. St. Clair, faces the title page, and a photogravure group of the Elective Officers of the Grand Council is also contained in the Proceedings.

Eleven pages sufficed for the Annual Address of the Grand Master, in which he concisely reports his Visitations and other Official Acts.

During his term of office he visited every Subordinate Council in that Grand Jurisdiction.

He makes appropriate mention of the demise of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. Waldo Adolphus Russell, one of the constant attendants and "very active members" of that Grand Council. He congratulates the Companions upon their prosperity and urges zealous active work upon the part of each for the furtherance of the interests of Cryptic Masonry.

The Official Visitations of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand P. C. W. show that close official relations are maintained with the Subordinate Bodies in that Jurisdiction.

M. Ill. Comp. Edward H. Currier, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $868.28 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, in his abstract of returns, reports: "Number admitted to membership," 125 (Greeted, 79); number dimitted, 22; died, 37; "membership forfeited," n. p. d., 15.

Net gain in membership current year, 51.

On Report and Recommendation of the Committee on Councils and Returns a Charter was granted the petitioners for a new Council.

The retiring Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's Jewel by the Grand Council.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is an interesting paper of forty-four pages, submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, in which the Printed Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils are courteously and concisely reviewed. Ohio for 1902, among the number, receives fraternal notice. Commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with excerpts approvingly made from each.

In his Conclusion he expresses the belief "that Cryptic Masonry is holding its own with other branches of Masonry" and justly criticises the use of initials instead of the full names of the

Grand Officers in so many Grand Jurisdictions. After the close of the Grand Council a supper was served to its members.

M. Ill. Comp. J. Brodie Smith, of Manchester, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, of Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Hampshire will be held at Concord, May 16, 1904.

NEW JERSEY, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 65. Brooklyn, N. Y., 1904.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton, March 8, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Hiram E. Deats, presiding.

The seven Subordinate Councils of that Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representatives of eighteen Grand Councils were in attendance, but the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. Linsly Rowe, of Jersey City, was not among the number.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Deats is a concise statement of Official Acts and Recommendations.

M. Ill. Comp. G. B. Slack, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $169.60 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Comp. J. B. Bertholf, reported number advanced current year, 61; affiliated, 3; number dimitted, 5; suspended, 3; expelled, 1; died, 9.

Net gain current year, 46.

Total number of members, 625.

The following excerpt from the Proceedings may be of interest:

"The Grand Recorder presented a communication from the Grand Council of Ohio, requesting the renewal of the commission of Companion George A. Ewing, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey near the Grand Council, in order

that it might be made to expire in the triennial year. He was directed to reply, to the effect that this Jurisdiction preferred to make the commissions of its Representatives for no fixed term."

M. Ill. Comp. Charles Belcher, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted in thirty-three pages a succinct and courteous review of the Printed Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils.

Your Committee regrets that Ohio was not among the number under review.

In his Conclusion Comp. Belcher says that "Conditions seem to be improving and the Cryptic outlook more favorable."

M. Ill. Comp. Samuel G. Rudderon, of Camden, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. John B. Bertholf, of Jersey City, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Jersey will be held in the City of Trenton, March 21, 1905.

NEW YORK, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 146. Troy, 1903.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York was held in the City of New York, August 25, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, M. Ill. Comp. Willard S. Brandt, Grand Master, presiding.

Representatives were in attendance from twenty-three Subordinate Councils.

Number of working Chartered Councils on the roll, 25.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of twenty-two Grand Councils were in attendance.

A portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Willard S. Brandt, and also one of Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Gliddon precedes the title page of the Printed Proceedings.

The opening exercises were of the usual very impressive character customary in that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. Ill. Comp. Irving L'Hommedieu, of West Medina, was present in the discharge of Official Duties as Grand P. C. W. in that Grand Council.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Brandt is a concise report of his Official Acts. In its Conclusion he pertinently says:

"The Cryptic Rite is steadily advancing, and the reports will show a steady growth and increase in membership. And, while some may think the only hope for the Councils is in making the Degrees pre-requisite, I believe, Companions, if our zeal was only commensurate with the beauty and worth of the Cryptic Degrees, our beloved Rite would occupy the high position in Freemasonry to which it is entitled, and with a cultivation of its social feature, a careful rendition of the work and a good attendance at the meetings, the future of Cryptic Masonry is assured.

"No Royal Arch Mason should be permitted to advance to the Orders of Knighthood without having his attention called to the beauty of the Council Degrees, and the necessity of being acquainted with them in order to have a full and intelligent understanding of Freemasonry. And I believe, Companions, if the effort is made, many candidates may be secured for the Councils."

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Peter Forrester, reported a balance of $1,447.65 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Geo. Van Vliet, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced current year, 344; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 11; number suspended, 75; dimitted, 15; died, 56.

Net gain in membership current year, 217.

Total number of members, 4,694.

The efficient work of the Grand Recorder is apparent throughout the handsome volume of Proceedings issued by that Grand Council.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by the able Chairman of the Committee, M. Ill. Comp. George M. Osgoodby, is an interesting paper of one hundred and three pages, in which the transactions of thirty-five Grand Councils are judiciously reviewed. In his Introductory he forcibly says:

"The year just past has been a remarkable one in Cryptic Masonry. Its prosperity seems to have been unbounded in every Jurisdiction where zealous, live working officers have been in control of the helm, and this, without regard to the fact whether the Jurisdiction is usually a large and prosperous one, or more limited in size, or limited in material from which to draw for its membership. It is different in those Jurisdictions where the Presiding Officer has taken his position with such 'good intentions,' and then failed to materialize in work; such Jurisdictions cannot pros-

per, unless by a miracle, but this day and age is not one of miracles. It is the earnest, zealous and enthusiastic Grand Master, who loves the Cryptic Rite and appreciates the responsibilities of his station, and the trust reposed in him by his Companions, who becomes the powerful lever by which the temple is up-builded, and devotees made to throng its gateways. It is the 'hustler' who wins in the every-day business battle of life, whilst the negative ones stand by in open-eyed wonder and astonishment at the results achieved by the *worker*. Drones do not count for anything in business life and much less do they amount to in Masonic Work."

Ohio for 1902 receives over six pages of courteous comment. Fraternal commendation is extended to the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The liberal excerpts approvingly made from the Report of your Committee by the Veteran among Cryptic Correspondents is certainly most fully appreciated.

In his Conclusion Companion Osgoodby thoughtfully says:

"We have made a serious and interested study of what is known as Cryptic Masonry for over thirty years past; year by year have examined the Printed Proceedings of such Grand Councils as print their Proceedings, and for other Jurisdictions have by correspondence ascertained the conditions prevailing with them. The result is most satisfactory, and at the present time, this branch of Masonry is prosperous and advancing in power, influence, financial standing and membership, and so long as the several Grand Councils keep from serious disagreement in their home bodies and from a harsh aggressive spirit towards each other, and harmoniously work together in unity of spirit and fraternal concord, so long will that prosperity and advancement continue. Nothing can work the destruction of any social organization easier than by having internal dissensions and outward expressions thereof. Avoid this fatal rock."

The writer regrets to notice the retirement of our esteemed Companion and "friend of many years" from the field of labor, and all who know him will most heartily reciprocate the sentiments of the concluding paragraphs of his report:

"To our loved Companions of other Jurisdictions, with whom we have labored in this field of Masonry, we desire to express our deep and ever abiding appreciation of their kind thoughts, expressions and love so often given vent to by their writings and in our associations. We thank them, one and all, and shall cherish

these pleasant memories of the past during life. With our retirement from this field of labor, we do not retire from our love of Cryptic Masonry or from the lively interest in it, which will be with us constantly during life.

And now with love, and the best wishes of our heart towards all, unkindly thoughts towards none of our loved Companions, we repeat the prayer of Little Tim, 'God bless everybody' and 'Mizpah.'"

M. Ill. Comp. John R. Gardner, of New York City, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. George Van Vliet, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. John W. Coburn, of New York City.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New York will be held at Saratoga Springs, August 30, 1904.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 69. Wilmington, 1903.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina was held in the City of Wilmington, June 18, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., M. Ill. Grand Master, in the Grand East.

The five working Chartered Councils on the roll were each represented in Grand Council.

One Past Grand Master and the Grand Representatives of sixteen Grand Councils were present.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte, was not in attendance.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., is a frontispiece to the pamphlet under review.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is an interesting report of his Official Acts and Recommendations. In it he says to the Companions of that Jurisdiction, and equally applicable elsewhere:

"But Companions, while you say we have advanced (although it is a little, it is a step forward), you must remember that Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction of ours will never be what it should

unless each one puts his shoulder to the wheel and assists. And the best place for that assistance is in your Council and assisting in its work and seeing that the Officers and Companions are interested in the work. There, in the Subordinate Council, lies the foundation stone and the strength of our Order."

R. Ill. Comp. M. S. Willard, Grand Treasurer, reports a balance of $52.73 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. James C. Munds, reports number advanced current year, 20; number dimitted, 2; died, 1.

Net gain current year, seventeen.

Total number of members, 161.

Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. James Southgate, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a well written, brief Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he courteously reviews, in thirty-nine pages, the Printed Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils.

Among the number, Ohio for 1902, receives fraternal notice, with commendatory mention of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

With many others Companion Southgate does not endorse the Nebraska substitute for a Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In his Conclusion Companion Southgate hopefully says:

"We rejoice to see so many signs of the resurrection morn dawning upon the Cryptic Rite in this country. All along the lines we hear the refrain, 'All's well,' and the gains made during the past year betoken a revival, which is encouraging. 'There is hope of a tree if it be cut down, that it will sprout again and the tender branches shall not fail.' So we hope, and so we believe, that these tender Degrees of Royal and Select Master will not fail, but will come forth, and the Crypts will be again lighted and made to resound with renewed work and energy. Hasten the day! We return thanks to the many Companions who have endeavored to stimulate us in North Carolina to awaken and put on our armor. We take courage and trust that ere long all our waste places will 'bloom and blossom as the rose' and 'bring forth fruits mete for repentance.'"

M. Ill. Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. James C. Munds, of Wilmington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. James Southgate, of Durham.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina will be held in the City of Raleigh, June 15, 1904.

OREGON, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 23. Portland, 1904.

The Nineteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon was held in Albany, April 13, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Penumbra Kelley, presiding.

Four of the five Chartered Councils of that Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Three Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Rep-representatives of ten Grand Councils were in attendance.

M. Ill. Comp. A. L. Rumsey, of Portland, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was not reported present.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Kelley is a brief report of Official Acts. In it he says to the Companions of Oregon:

When we think of our magnificent physical surroundings—the handiwork of the Great Artificer of the Universe, we can but say the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. Let me say, Companions, that in our beloved Order we are as happily situated. In this, the best of human institutions, we have room for the greatest research, the most profound speculation, and the deepest investigation. The study and practice of our philosophy will make men better, wiser and consequently happier. Let us so practice that we and the world may be better for our having been Masons."

R. Ill. Comp. S. Bullock, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $207.50 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Seth L. Pope, reported number advanced current year, 13; affiliated, 2; number dimitted, 24; stricken from roll, 4; died, 4.

Net loss in membership current year, 17.

Total number of members, 271.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Seymour Chipman, of Corvallis, was elected

Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Seth L. Pope, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Oregon will be held at Eugene, Oregon, April 12, 1905.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 147. Lancaster, 1904.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Pennsylvania was held in the City of Allegheny, February 23, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, Comp. Lyman M. Finney, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Representatives were in attendance from eighteen Subordinate Councils.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-three.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

Fifteen Grand Councils were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives.

M. Ill. Comp. James B. Youngson, of Pittsburg, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was in attendance.

A portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Lyman M. Finney, faces the title page of the Printed Proceedings.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a very complete report of Official Duties discharged, Visitations and Recommendations made, and includes the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, making an interesting paper of forty-two pages.

The report shows a very careful official supervision of the Subordinate Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Of Cryptic Masonry Grand Master Finney says:

"In all of the visitations made by me as Grand Master, I have endeavored to impress upon the Illustrious Companions the duty they owe to their Councils and to the Grand Council in the upbuilding of the power and influence of this branch of Masonry; either the Council Degrees are essential, or they are not; either the Masonic education of a Royal Arch Mason is complete without his having been chosen as a Select Master Mason, or it is not; our contention is that the Degrees of Royal and Select Master *are* essential to a proper understanding of all that must of necessity

seem obscure, and that membership in the Council *is* necessary for the completion of the Masonic education of every Royal Arch Mason, and my efforts have been to so impress this upon the minds of the Illustrious Companions of our Subordinate Councils that they would be ready at all times to defend the Rite and urge upon their Chapter Companions the importance of having the Degrees of the Council conferred upon them."

M. Ill. Comp. Joel S. Eaby, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $1,496.69 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Comp. Joshua L. Lyte, reported number advanced current year, 464; affiliated, 10; Charter members, 24; number dimitted, 28; died, 43; suspended, 16.

Net gain current year, 411.

Total number of members, 2,600.

In concluding his Annual Report the Grand Recorder declined a re-election. Having served in that office for ten years and each year was unanimously re-elected, shows the high estimation in which our eminent Companion is deservedly held in that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, M. Ill. Comp. Joshua L. Lyte, is comprised in forty-one pages and is an able and concise *resume* of the transactions of thirty-seven Grand Councils.

Of the Proceedings of Ohio for 1903 he says:

"The Proceedings contains a fine portrait of the Grand Master, which is printed as a frontispiece. We believe the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Ohio are the largest printed by any Grand Council. They make two hundred and eight pages, and the typographical work is first-class.

"In opening his address the Grand Master congratulates the members on the conclusion of another harmonious and prosperous year. He says there has been a large gain in membership, and the quality of the material seems to be keeping pace with the growth in numbers."

The Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is kindly commended and the fraternal expressions of our esteemed Companions are especially appreciated.

In his Conclusion M. Ill. Comp. Lyte says of Cryptic Masonry in that Jurisdiction and the cause of its prosperity:

"The Grand Council of Pennsylvania is flourishing, and the

gain of members the past year was four hundred and eleven. But few Grand Councils had larger gains. We believe our present satisfactory condition to be due almost entirely to the system of visitations inaugurated a few years ago to the Subordinate Councils by the Grand Master. Our belief in this matter has been confirmed by our perusal of the Proceedings of all the Grand Councils, for we find the largest percentage of gains made in the Grand Councils where there are systematic visitations by the Grand Master. Try it, Grand Masters; members of Grand Councils, make an appropriation to your Grand Master, so he can visit at least a part of the Councils each year and you will find it is an investment that pays."

The portrait of Companion Lyte is contained in the volume under review and the writer begs to extend him fraternal congratulations upon his restoration to health.

Portraits of Past Grand Masters, M. Ill. Companions George C. Johnstone and Frank W. Martenis, are also contained in the Printed Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. David O. McCollum, of Wilkes-Barre, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Frank W. Martenis, of South Bethlehem, was elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Joshua L. Lyte, of Lancaster.

The next Assembly of the Grand Council will be held at Altoona, February 28, 1905.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 88. Charleston, 1904.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina was held in the City of Charleston, February 9, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, Comp. James R. Johnson, M. Ill. Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Four Subordinate Councils were represented in Grand Council.

Number of working Chartered Councils on the roll, six.

The Grand Representatives of thirteen Grand Councils were in attendance.

The number of Past Grand Masters present not stated.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. Jacob T. Barron, of Columbia, was in attendance.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a brief recital of his Official Acts. In it he makes sympathetic mention of the demise of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. William Tully Branch, of that Grand Jurisdiction.

R. Ill. Comp. C. F. Jackson, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $64.42 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Zimmerman Davis, reports number advanced current year, 10.

Total number of members reported, 156.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. James R. Johnson, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Zimmerman Davis, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of South Carolina will be held at Charleston, February 14, 1905.

TENNESSEE, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 81. Nashville, 1904.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville, January 25, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. Rodney Blake, Grand Master, presiding.

Fourteen of the seventeen working Chartered Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representatives of sixteen Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. T. W. Crutcher, of Nashville, was present.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Blake is a concise report of Official Duties discharged. In it he sadly says:

"The year has not passed away without bringing sorrow. In our Jurisdiction we have to lament the death of three Most Illustrious Companions who have gone to their reward from this Grand Body since our last Assembly.

"Companion Ewin Burney, P. M. I. G. M., died August 9, 1903.

"Companion W. R. Shearer, P. M. I. G. M., died October 11, 1903.

"Companion James G. Aydelott, P. M. I. G. M., died June 22, 1903.

"Their labors are ended, their light extinguished, their seats vacant."

The Committee on Accounts reported a balance of $344.35 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. W. A. Clendenning, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced, 50; affiliated, 6; number dimitted, 15; suspended, 8; died, 9.

Net gain current year, twenty-four.

Total number of members, 492.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Chas. H. Goodlett, of Nashville, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Proceedings, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Wm. A. Clendenning, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Tennessee will be held in Nashville, January 23, 1905.

VERMONT, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 114. Windsor, 1903.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington, June 9, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. William H. Brewster, in the Grand East.

The Representatives of sixteen Subordinate Councils were in attendance.

Eighteen Chartered Councils on the roll.

Four Past Grand Masters were present.

Twenty-one Grand Councils were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, Comp. Frank A. Phillips, of Randolph, was not reported present.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. William H. Brewster, is a frontispiece to the Printed Proceedings.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Brewster is a brief but thoroughly concise paper, reporting his Visitations, Recommendations and other Official Acts.

He is a believer in the necessity of Official Visitation and Inspection of Subordinate Councils and says in this connection:

"I am a firm believer in the absolute necessity of a thorough system of inspection of the Subordinate Councils. Infinitely more good can be derived from that than from bewailing the fact that the Council Degrees are not pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. This is simply wasting time. I believe that the Grand Council is actually to blame for the easy going and careless way in which many of the Subordinates discharge their duties. Once let the officers of the several Councils understand that they are to be subject to the same system of rigid inspection that the Symbolic Lodges are, and I am convinced that you will see the same splendid results that have come from the District Deputy system in the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Heaton, reported a balance of $503.75 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. Henry H. Ross, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced, 50; affiliated, 1; number died, 20; suspended and dimitted, 3.

Net gain current year, twenty.

Total number of members, 1,268.

M. Ill. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, the able Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits, in fifty-one pages, a succinct and conservative review of the Printed Proceedings of the twenty-five Grand Councils under consideration.

The Proceedings of Ohio for 1902 receive courteous notice, and he says that "the Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. George D. Copeland, is the report of a busy year and reflects conspicuous administrative ability."

He endorses the recommendation of the "Committee on the Good of the Order" *in re* the Inspection of Subordinate Councils, and fraternally commends the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He does not believe in any compulsory method of securing candidates and says in this connection under Pennsylvania:

"By far better to impress upon him the beauties of the Rite, and their intimate connection with Ancient Craft Masonry, that he may enter the arches with a full-fledged, voluntary desire to associate himself with his Companions in the work."

In his Conclusion Comp. Perkins justly says:

"Wherever a consistent degree of effort animates and actuates the workmen in the arches, there has been found activity, growth and development. Where too any deplorable degree of lassitude manifests itself there is found a measure of quietude not even disturbed by sleeping Ahishars. Upon the whole, however, one will not err in concluding that the Rite is progressing, is more aggressive and has brighter prospects in view than ever before. May the hopes thus aroused be rewarded by a complete fruition."

M. Ill. Comp. Charles L. Robinson, of Rutland, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Henry H. Ross, of Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, of Windsor.

WASHINGTON, 1903.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 54. Tacoma, 1903.

The Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington was held in the City of Seattle, June 8, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, Comp. George E. Cleveland, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Six of the seven Chartered Councils of that Jurisdiction were represented in Grand Council.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of nineteen Grand Councils were in attendance.

Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. John B. Romans—now a resident of that State—the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was among the number present.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. George E. Cleveland, precedes the title page.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a brief report of Official Duties discharged.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Henry L. Kennan, reported a balance of $182.20 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Edward R. Hare, Grand Recorder, reported number advanced, 56; affiliated, 2; number dimitted, 3; died, 7.

Net gain current year, forty-eight.

Total number of members, 456.

A portrait of the late Th. Ill. Comp. Elijah Mount Beatty, the first T. I. Master of Tacoma Council, of that Grand Jurisdiction, is contained in the Proceedings.

The Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Councils are concisely and carefully reviewed in the interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, R. Ill. Comp. Edward R. Hare.

The Proceedings of Ohio for 1902 receive courteous notice and fraternal mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Copeland and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Frank P. Weymouth, of Spokane, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Edward R. Hare, of Tacoma, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, 8vo., pp. 48. Milwaukee, 1904.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee, February 16, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. William H. Howieson, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Twelve of the nineteen Chartered Councils on the roll were represented in Grand Council.

Two Past Grand Masters were present and thirteen Grand Councils were represented by the attendance of their Grand Representatives.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, M. Ill. Comp. Fred Ring, of La Crosse, was not present.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Howieson, is a brief report of all official matters pertaining to his office.

R. Ill. Comp. David H. Wright, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $659.30 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Comp. W. W. Perry, reported number advanced current year, 159; affiliated, 2; number died, 29; dimitted, 15; suspended, 3.

Net gain current year, one hundred and fourteen.

Total number of members, 1,677.

The portrait of the late Past M. Ill. Grand Master John M. Evans, Sr., is contained in the Proceedings.

Owing to the ill health of the Chairman of the Committee, R. Ill. Comp. Wm. C. Swain, there was no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Jacob Dreher, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Wm. W. Perry, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Committee on Correspondence, R. Ill. Comp. Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Wisconsin will be held in Milwaukee, Feb. 21, 1905.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, 1903.

Triennial Proceedings, 8vo., pp 160. 1903.

The Eighth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of the United States of America was held in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, M. Ill. Comp. William H. Mayo, of Missouri, General Grand Master, presiding.

Ninety-seven members and delegates were in attendance.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas having been convened and opened in Special Assembly for their reception, an Address of Welcome to the officers and members of the General Grand Council was delivered by M. Ill. Comp. Samuel D. Dodge, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas, and an appropriate response thereto was made by M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, General Grand Master. On behalf of the citizens of Little Rock an Address of Welcome was delivered by

the Mayor of the City, Hon. William E. Lennon, to which a happy response was made by M. Ill. Comp. Graff M. Acklin, of Ohio.

On behalf of the Grand Council of Arkansas a very handsome Apron for the use of M. Ill. General Grand Master was presented to the General Grand Council by M. Ill. Comp., Past Grand Master Fay Hempstead. M. Ill. Comp. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Deputy General Grand Master, made an appropriate response on behalf of the General Grand Council. After the conclusion of these preliminary ceremonies the Grand Council of Arkansas was closed and the General Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Address of the General Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, is an interesting recital of Official Duties discharged, Visitations made and other affairs pertaining to his office.

The General Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Heaton, reported Securities and Cash in General Treasury, $1,960.67.

M. Ill. Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, reports the present Cryptic Membership at 37,702, "a gain of 23,111 in twenty years." The statistical tables of Comp. Mordhurst are of especial interest but want of space prevents their insertion in this report. He reports that a new edition of the Ritual had been published and that "Constituent Grand Councils who have adopted the General Grand Council Ritual" would on application be furnished with the necessary copies free of charge.

Ohio was prominently represented in General Grand Council, M. Ill. Comp. Orestes A. B. Senter, Past General Grand Master, being in attendance as one of the members, and subsequently, Chairman of the Law Committee. M. Ill. Comp. Jewett Palmer, of Ohio, was Chairman of a Special Committee and M. Ill. Comp. Graff M. Acklin was promoted from G. G. Captain of Guard to the office of General Grand Principal Conductor. Ohio's Grand Principal Conductor of Work, R. Ill. Comp. Nelson Williams, Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Wm. E. Evans, and Past General Grand High Priest Reuben C. Lennon were noted as being in attendance. A portrait of the late Past General Grand Master M.

Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, with a brief In Memoriam biographical sketch, is contained in the Proceedings. A biographical sketch is also published of Past General Grand Marshal, the late George Lewis McCahan, of Maryland, and a Memorial page is inscribed to the memory of the late M. Ill. Comp. John W. Chamberlain, of Ohio, who was General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Council at the time of his removal to the spiritual world.

The business of the Triennial Assembly was mostly of the usual nature, its sessions harmonious and of the most pleasant character.

As the writer was one of them in attendance upon the first convention assembled in New York City to consider the subject of establishing a General Grand Council, it is a matter of personal gratification to note the success that has attended this Grand Body since its establishment, but it is sad to note the removal to the world beyond of so many of those who were present at that interesting assembly, prominent among whom were the late M. Ill. Companions, Josiah H. Drummond and Albert G. Mackey.

M. Ill. Comp. Andrew P. Swanstron, of St. Paul, Minn., whose portrait is contained in the Proceedings, was elected General Grand Master, and M. Ill. Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, re-elected General Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing Report your Committee has endeavored to show the condition of Cryptic Masonry as indicated in the Printed Proceedings of each Grand Jurisdiction under review; to this end excerpts have been freely made of the views of Eminent Companions of those Grand Councils.

Whilst the origin of Cryptic Masonry is in doubt, yet so also is the origin of the Royal Arch and other prominent grades. The lessons taught in the Council degrees and their symbolic features are to the writer a sufficient evidence of their antiquity and Masonic character. The known existence of the grades of Cryptic Mas-

onry for a hundred years is sufficient to establish their just claim as an essential part of Freemasonry and therefore entitled to recognition in the order assigned them.

The Concise History of Freemasonry, by Robert Freke Gould, recently published, is of more than ordinary interest to the Masonic student, especially in the study of the origin and evolution of its grades. From 1740, the date suggested for the first known mention of the Royal Arch, for a quarter of a century there was an influx of degrees in Great Britain and Continental Europe. Out of these degrees have doubtless been evolved the different Masonic systems and grades other than Craft Masonry however now denominated.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. CUNNINGHAM,

For the Committee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF OHIO

AT ITS

Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly

Begun and held in the

City of Springfield, Ohio, October 3rd, A. D. 1905, Y. D. 2905

Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

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OF

Royal and Select Masters

FOR

THE STATE OF OHIO

(Organized at Washington, Franklin County, Ohio, January 6th, A. D. 1830, Y. D. 2830)

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Masonic Temple—Bushnell Building,
Springfield, Ohio,
Tuesday, October 3, 1905,
9:30 O'clock A. M.

Opening Exercises.

The hour having arrived for the convening of the Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives assembled in the lobby of the Arcade Hotel, and were escorted to the Masonic Temple, by a delegation of the Companions of Springfield Council No. 17, Royal and Select Masters, where the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, was, after devotional exercises by the R. Ill. Grand Chaplain, Companion V. F. Brown, declared open in Ample Form, at 9:30 A. M., by the following corps of Grand Officers, viz:

NELSON WILLIAMS, Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM A. SPILL, R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master.
EDWARD H. ARCHER, R. Ill. Grand Prin. Cond. of Work.
HENRY TRUE, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.
WILLIAM E. EVANS, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.
REV. V. F. BROWN, R. Ill. Grand Chaplain.
MILTON B. DICKERSON. Ill. Grand Capt. of Guards.
WARREN J. BAKER, Ill. Gr. Cond. of Council.
CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Ill. Grand Steward.
I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Ill. Gr. Sentinel.

The Grand Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported all the Grand Officers, and all but two of the Past Grand Masters, present, and more than a constitutional number of Subordinate Councils duly represented.

Whereupon, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, declared the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, opened in its Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly, for the transaction of business.

Companion Oran F. Hypes of Springfield Council No. 17, representing the Companions of Springfield, welcomed the Grand Council of Ohio to the "City of Homes," in the following well chosen words:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Illustrious Companions:

These are interest paying days in Springfield. A dozen years ago, when a State Masonic Home was under contemplation, a frequent argument used in securing local subscriptions was the prospective pleasure of these frequent reunions here in our midst. So it seems hardly necessary for me to say, on behalf of the Masonic Bodies of Springfield, that you are welcome here today, for you are always welcome in Springfield. To an Ohio Mason, a pilgrimage to Springfield should be regarded as a sort of home-coming. They should be of such annual or frequent recurrence as to forego the necessity of marking the site for any future visits. Probably the two brightest eras in all Ohio Masonry were the days when the Craft assembled here from all the borders of the State—first to lay the corner stone, and finally to dedicate that splendid Monument of Masonic Charity,—The Ohio Masonic Home. That you have come again in Annual Session will serve only to renew the pleasant memories of former visits. Your brethren of Springfield hope that you may be in health while among us; that your session may be pleasant and profitable and that out of it all may come a strengthening of Masonic ties and a renewal of fervency and zeal in exemplifying the teachings of the Craft.

Is it not true, Most Illustrious Sir and Companions, that every Mason has placed within his hands the working tools wherewith he can, and if a good Mason wherewith he will build for the social, the civic and the moral welfare of his community. Again, I bid you all welcome.

Courtesies.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Williams, in a few well pleasing and appropriate words, introduced and welcomed to the Grand Council of Ohio, the following distinquished Masons:

JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

LEWIS P. SCHAUS,
M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

GEORGE D. COPELAND,
Grand Junior Warden Grand Lodge of Ohio.

JACOB H. BROMWELL,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ohio and Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Ohio.

WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM,
Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Ohio.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH,
Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Ohio.

WILLIAM T. MCLEAN,
Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio.

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of the United States.

And all the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council, present, who were received with Grand Honors, and invited to take seats in the Grand Council.

Organization — Grand Officers Present.

Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, . . Most Ill. Grand Master
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, . R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master
Comp. EDWARD H. ARCHER, R. Ill. Gr. Prin. Cond. of Work

Comp. HENRY TRUE, ... R. Ill. Grand Treasurer
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, . . R. Ill. Grand Recorder
Comp. REV. V. F. BROWN, . . . R. Ill. Grand Chaplain
Comp. MILTON B. DICKERSON, . Ill. Gr. Capt. of Guards
Comp. WARREN J. BAKER, . . Ill. Gr. Cond. of Council
Comp. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, . . . Ill. Grand Steward
Comp. I. L. OPPENHEIMER, . . . Ill. Grand Sentinel
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Chr. Com. on For. Cor.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. DAVID C. WINEGARNER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

Comp. JOSEPH KIRKUP, ... No. 1
Comp. DANIEL KOCH, ... No. 1
Comp. J. W. IREDEL, JR., ... No. 1
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, ... No. 4
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Comp. DAVID C. WINEGARNER, ... No. 7
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, ... No. 7

Comp. EDWARD H. ARCHER, ... No. 8
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Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, ... No. 8
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, ... No. 9
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Comp. GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, ... No. 22
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Comp. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, ... No. 36
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, ... No. 40
Comp. ROBERT V. HAMPSON, ... No. 44
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, ... No. 58
Comp. W. H. CONNOR, ... No. 77
Comp. JACOB H. BROMWELL, ... No. 77
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, ... No. 78
Comp. MOSES H. LEVAGOOD, ... No. 86

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Arkansas, ... Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California, ...
Connecticut, ... " EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado, ... " CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida, ... " LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia, ... " HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois, ... " WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory, ... " GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana, ... " NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa, ... " WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Kansas, ... " GEORGE P. CONNER.
Kentucky, ... " LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana, ...

Maine,	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,		
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
New Brunswick,		
Nebraska,	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire,	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey,		
New York,	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
North Carolina,	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon,	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania,	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,		
Vermont,	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina,	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee,		
Washington,	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin,	"	C. C. PARK.
England and Wales,	"	MOSES H. LEVAGOOD.
Canada,	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS—REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

CREDENTIAL LIST

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	F. W. Henley
2	Union	Steubenville	Jay R. Sweeney
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Albert E. Culter
			William E. Evans
7	Bigelow	Newark	A. L. Rawlings
			W. H. Chilcoat
			F. L. Beggs
8	Columbus	Columbus	H. N. P. Dole
9	Reese	Dayton	Wm. B. Anderson
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	R. H. McFarland
			A. F. Kreager
13	Wooster	Wooster	John Stevens, Jr.
14	Franklin	Troy	W. G. Wells
15	Athens	Athens	B. A. Headley
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	George W. Barrere
17	Springfield	Springfield	C. A. Schuster
			H. M. Tittle
			R. A. Worthington
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	William Howe
			C. C. Falk
			George W. Rice
20	Lima	Lima	George P. Conner
22	Marion	Marion	Hays Thompson
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	C. N. Frazier
26	Sandusky City ...	Sandusky	H. H. Squire
			Lewis M. Lea
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	G. W. C. Poore
33	Toledo	Toledo	H. A. Levay
35	Canton	Canton	Charles Dickerhoff
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	John K. Corwin
			Charles H. Giessen
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Anthony W. Mauk
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	H. S. Schalk
			B. S. Snyder
41	London	London	Not represented
44	Omega	Salem	John G. Augustine
			G. S. Walton
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	F. E. Bolton
47	Clinton	Tiffin	C. C. Park
50	Findlay	Findlay	John Gore

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	George Bumgarner
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	Defiance	August Minsel
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	C. U. Patterson
58	Warren	Warren	J. S. Gildard
59	Urbana	Urbana	E. E. Cheney
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Robert A. Brown
64	Fremont	Fremont	W. S. Lewis
65	Kenton	Kenton	John Wilson
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	G. B. Tuthill
69	Putnam	Ottawa	S. F. DeFord
70	Sidney	Sidney	A. W. Reddish
71	Trowel	Jackson	Frank Crumit
72	Delphos	Delphos	J H. Cowden
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	Hugh V. Olney
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	Not represented
75	New Lexington ..	New Lexington ..	H. F. Acker
76	Kinsman	Mt: Vernon	R. M. Greer
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	W. H. Connor
			J. H. Bromwell
78	Marietta	Marietta	R. B. Hanna
			J. L. Barbour
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	J. P. Purdum
80	Akron	Akron	Harry T. Budd
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	V. Bodey
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	F. P. Hale
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	R. V. Vaughan
84	Delaware	Delaware	J. B. Taggart
			J. L. Sperling
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	W. E. Sloan
86	Elyria	Elyria	C. H. Loughry
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	W. G. Giessen
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	F. L. Mauger
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	J. M. Brodrick
			L. Henderson
			D. B. Edwards
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	B. B. Campbell
			A. E. Mergenthaler
91	Matchett	Greenville	Not represented
U D	Ohio	Ironton	J. D. Foster
U D	Lafayette	Piqua	William H. Swift
U D	Mansfield	Mansfield	Frank H. Marquis

Standing Committees.

Credentials—

Companions William E. Evans,
George Bumgarner,
B. B. Campbell.

Visitors—

Companions C. A. Schuster,
R. A. Worthington,
H. M. Tittle.

Jurisprudence,

Companions Graff M. Acklin,
Jewett Palmer,
J. H. Bromwell.

Accounts—

Companions George D. Copeland,
A. L. Rawlings,
George W. Fels.

Grievance—

Companions Lewis P. Schaus,
H. F. Acker,
John K. Corwin,

Charters and Dispensations—

Companions William T. McLean,
John F. Lane,
William B. Anderson.

Pay Roll—

Companions F. W. Hendley,
R. H. McFarland,
William Howe.

Good of the Order—

Companions Orestes A. B. Senter,
Joseph M. Goodspeed,
J. M. Broderick.

Subordinate Returns—

Companions Edwin Morrell,
John G. Augustine,
A. W. Reddish.

Unfinished Business—

Companions Levi C. Goodale,
Lewis M. Lea,
George P. Connor.

Foreign Correspondence—

Companions William M. Cunningham,
Hugh V. Olney,
C. W. Frazier.

Obituary—

Companions Rev. V. F. Brown,
Albert E. Culter,
J. S. Gildard.

Special Committees.

Topical Reference—

Companions William M. Cunningham,
R. V. Vaughan,
R. B. Hanna.

Masonic Home—

Companions George D. McBride,
F. L. Mauger,
Henry E. Morrison.

Time and Place—

Companions H. N. P. Dole,
W. G. Wells,
J. B. Taggart.

Address and Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

The wings of time grow stronger day by day,
And swifter is his flight as years roll on;
His fateful course no mortal hand can stay,
And e'er we know it another year has gone.

Life's heavy load grows heavier day by day;
Our bodies bend beneath the weight of years;
Our friends are ever falling by the way,
But through the mists the dawn of rest appears

Our mortal end draws nearer day by day,
For in our flesh Death's deadly seed is sown;
'Twill ripen soon, and we shall pass away
To realms where dread disease will be unknown.

The light of Faith grows brighter day by day;
Its calming influence no tongue can tell;
A while and we shall hear the angels say
"We bid you welcome", and "all is well".

In the good Providence of Almighty God we are permitted to assemble in our Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly, in this beautiful "Home City" so enthusiastically devoted to the exemplification of practical Masonic Charity. Let us unite in a tribute of thanksgiving to Him whose unerring hand has so safely guided us through the experiences of the past year. When we pause to contemplate the wonderful opportunities that are daily being unfolded to man, and the constantly increasing responsibilities that are placed upon him; the brain-racking complications in business; the ever increasing demands of society, and the prevalence of accidents and disease, we should indeed be thankful that through it all we are permitted once more to assemble around our common altar, and, while devoting ourselves to the business in hand, renew old acquaintances, form new friendships, and draw a little nearer to the hearts of our Companions. I bid you all a cordial, fraternal greeting and welcome to this Annual Assembly. The past year has been one of unusual national peace and prosperity, and everything redounds to the credit and glory of our great and beloved Country.

The principle of arbitrtion now seems to be well established, and is not only permeating every business industry where differences or disagreements may arise, but is to-day determining the fate of empires. Our country is regarded as the leader in the cause of Arbitration, and our President, who has himself tasted the bitter experiences of war, and witnessed the terrible carnage of battle, and whose name but a short time ago was considered a synonym for combativeness, is to-day looked upon by the old world as a messenger sent from God, bearing the olive branch of peace to belligerent powers. As he has knelt at a Masonic Altar, and taken the Masonic vows, may we not fairly assume that the lessons of charity, brotherly love and respect for the rights of others, taught him in the Masonic Lodge room, were to some degree responsible for his friendly interference in the war between Russia and Japan, and in some measure helped him to bring about a permanent peace between these great powers. In this Grand Jurisdiction, Cryptic Masonry has been fairly prosperous, and peace and harmony everywhere prevail. Not a single note of discord has disturbed our relations with sister jurisdictions, and so far as I am advised they have domestic peace and tranquility.

The net gain in membership this year is considerably less than last year, and I am unable to give the cause. However the report of the Grand Recorder will show a net gain of 662 during the fiscal year, which I think is quite a satisfactory increase. No grievance has been reported to me during the year, and I have made no decision on Masonic law of sufficient importance to be embodied in this report.

Our Dead.

Before asking your attention to a report of my stewardship for the past year, let us turn our thoughts for a moment to those Companions who, wearying of life's heavy burdens, and unable longer to stand the fatiguing pilgrimage, have entered the Secret Vault of Death. We are thankful to Almighty God that none of our official family have been taken during the past year, and that our Grand East is still spared to counsel, guide and direct us. But 93 good and loyal Companions of this jurisdiction, toiling

faithfully and well in the unfinished arches of life's temple, have laid aside their working tools and responded to the summons of the Grim Reaper. Since the close of the fiscal year one light of more than ordinary brilliancy in the Masonic world has gone out, and Most Excellent Companion Reuben C. Lemmon, lives now only in the hearts of those who knew him, and in that higher life for which he was so well fitted. Judge Lemmon died at his home in Toledo on the sixth day of September, 1905, full of years, full of honors, and mourned by all who knew him. He had not been closely identified with the Cryptic Rite, but in Symbolic and Capitular Masonry he had reached the very topmost rounds I shall do nothing more than mention his death, leaving to the proper committee the duty of extolling his virtues and graces, and perpetuating his memory by suitable memorial. Being unable to attend his funeral, I requested Most Illustrious Companion Graff M. Acklin to procure and present to the widow on behalf of the Grand Council, a suitable floral offering. Companion Acklin performed this duty, and I have approved an order on the Grand Treasurer for $10.00, in payment of the bill. I have also directed the Grand Recorder to procure from the Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Ohio, the necessary number of half tone prints of our deceased Companion to insert in the printed proceedings of this Grand Council for this year, all of which I trust may meet with your approbation. I have received memorials announcing the death of the following distinguished Companions of other jurisdictions:

Jacob D. Rush, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, died at his home in San Diego, California, on October 26, 1904.

Charles A. Jones, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, died at his home in Hartford, on October, 27, 1904.

Seymour Chipman, M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon, died at his home in Corvallis, on December 15, 1904.

William Ryan, Grand Treasurer and Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, died at Louisville on November 13th, 1904.

Edward Ernest West, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut, died at his home in Meriden on January 25th, 1905.

Calvin Edgar Reed, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, died on February 27, 1905.

Almon R. Dewey, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, died at his home in Washington, Iowa, on April 15, 1905.

A Prince in Israel has fallen! Companion, or "Judge" Dewey as he was familiarly called, was for a third of a century a potent power in the Masonic bodies of Iowa, and was also prominent in General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council. We saw him last at Little Rock, and it is hard to believe that the vigorous man we saw there is no more.

Byron C. Hill, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, died in the City of Jackson, on April 15, 1905.

William W. Austin, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indiana, died at his home in Centerville, on April 25, 1905.

Robert Wilkinson Furnas, Past M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska, died in the city of Lincoln on June 1, 1905.

Thomas Elwood Garrett, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri, died on June 29, 1905.

Lewis Cass Goodrich, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, died at Sault Ste. Marie, on August 7, 1905.

These memorials have been turned over to the proper committee, and I am confident they will receive proper consideration at their hands.

Bonds Renewed.

On the eighteenth of October, 1904, I caused the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) each, to be renewed for one year in the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, and on October 22, 1904, I approved an order on the Grand Treasurer for twenty-four dollars ($24.00) in payment of the premium therefor.

Inspection of Councils.

Prior to the time of arranging for the inspections of the Subordinate Councils of the State, and the dividing of the State into nine Arches, as required by Resolution No. 20 of the Grand Council, Companion Henry True, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer, informed me that on account of ill health he would be absent from the jurisdiction a part of the year, and requested to be excused from duty as an inspector. Being satisfied as to the sincerity of his request, I was pleased to excuse this worthy and willing Companion, and personally assumed the inspection of as many Councils as would have been assigned to him, had he been physically able to make the inspections. I was also advised that Companion John I. Roemer, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, was about to remove from the jurisdiction of this Grand Council and would not be able to inspect any Councils if they should be assigned to him. I thereupon requested Companion Abram C. Kopp of Chillicothe, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council No. 4, to inspect the Councils that would otherwise have been assigned to Companion Roemer. This he consented to do, and I thereupon issued a circular addressed to all Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, of which the following is a copy:

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO.

Office of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

HAMILTON, OHIO, February, 1905.

To All Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

GREETING:

Following the custom of my predecessors, and in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 20, of the Grand Council, I have divided the Subordinate Councils of the State into nine divisions, commonly called "Arches," for inspection purposes. I have also followed the custom of assigning these arches to the officers of the Grand Council. Rt. Ill. Companion Henry True, being physically unable to undertake the work of inspection, and desiring to be relieved of that duty, I was pleased to excuse this worthy and willing Companion, and have assigned the Ninth Arch to myself. Ill. Comp. Rev. John L. Roemer, R. Ill. Grand Chaplain, having removed to another Jurisdiction, I have assigned his Arch to Ill. Companion Abram C. Kopp, Past Thrice Ill. Master of Chillicothe Council No. 4. A list of the Arches and inspecting officers is as follows:

FIRST ARCH

Comp. William A. Spill, Warren, Rt. Ill. Dep. Grand Master, Inspector of Councils: —

NO.		(T. ILL. MASTERS)	(RECORDERS)
22, Marion,	Marion,	Hays Thompson,	Geo. S. McGuire.
26, Sandusky City,	Sandusky,	John Traub,	J. D. Lea.
35, Canton,	Canton,	Chas. Dickerhoff,	Chas. Silverman.
36, Cleveland,	Cleveland,	John K. Corwin,	H. E. Morrison. Masonic Temple.
40, Conneaut,	Conneaut,	H. S. Schalk,	H. D. Prosser.
44, Omega,	Salem,	J. G. Augustine,	C. C. Snyder.
76, Kinsman,	Mt. Vernon,	Robt. M. Greer,	S. H. Peterman.

SECOND ARCH

Comp. Edward H. Archer, Columbus, Rt. Ill. Gr. P. C. of Work, Inspector of Councils: —

12, Zanesville,	Zanesville,	R. H. McFarland,	H. H. Philo.
14, Franklin,	Troy,	Walter G. Wells,	E. M. Faulkner.
65, Kenton,	Kenton,	John Wilson,	B. L. Thompson.
74, Guernsey,	Cambridge,	John W. Barton,	Wm. S. Campbell
84, Delaware,	Delaware,	John B. Taggart,	Wm. M. Semans.
91, Matchett,	Greenville,	J. I. Allread,	G.A.Katzenberger

THIRD ARCH

Comp. William E. Evans, Chillicothe, Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder, Inspector of Councils: —

7, Bigelow,	Newark,	A. L. Rawlings,	Alonzo P. Taylor.
19, Hamilton,	Hamilton,	F. B. Edmands,	W. A. Seward.
60, Tyrian,	Circleville,	Rich. A. Brown,	Steph. L. Grigsby.
75, N. Lexington,	New Lexington,	H. F. Acker,	J. F. McMahon.
88, Lancaster,	Lancaster,	Fred L. Mauger,	C. W. Matthews.
Ohio U. D.,	Ironton,	J. D. Foster,	

FOURTH ARCH

Comp. Milton B. Dickerson, Marion, Ill. Grand Captain of Guards, Inspector of Councils: —

59, Urbana,	Urbana,	E. E. Cheney,	John S. Merrill.
69, Putnam,	Ottawa,	S. F. DeFord,	J. T. Maidlow.
70, Sidney,	Sidney,	A. W. Reddish,	Walter R. Blake.
80, Akron,	Akron,	A. H. Price,	W. E. Waugh.
81, St. Marys,	St. Marys,	V. Bodey,	H. E. Henderson.
85, Logan,	Bellefontaine,	W. E. Sloan,	W. N. Marshall.
89, S. S. Jewell,	Marysville,	J. M. Brodrick,	C. S. Hamilton.

FIFTH ARCH

Comp. Warren J. Baker, Toledo, Ill. Grand Conductor of Council, Inspector of Councils: —

50, Findlay,	Findlay,	John V. Gore,	D. L. Grable.
55, Occonoxee,	Defiance,	R. T. Whitaker,	F. J. Papenhagen.
64, Fremont,	Fremont,	W. S. Lewis	H. S. Dorr.
68, Wauseon,	Wauseon,	Guy B. Tuthill,	F. W. Moyer.
72, Delphos,	Delphos,	J. H. Cowdin,	J. E. Fast.
78, Van Wert,	Van Wert,	Hugh V. Olney,	I. H. Malick.
90, Fostoria,	Fostoria,	B. B. Campbell,	C. E. Davis.

SIXTH ARCH

Comp. Charles H. Giessen, Cleveland, Ill. Grand Steward, Inspector of Councils: —

13, Wooster,	Wooster,	Geo. J. Swartz,	Jas. B. Minier.
24, Norwalk,	Norwalk	C. N. Frazier,	J. H. Gross.
47, Clinton,	Tiffin,	Asa M. Hart,	Russel L. Knapp.
58, Warren,	Warren,	Jas. S. Gildard,	W. A. Spill.
82, Bellevue,	Bellevue,	Frank P. Hale,	Chas. Matz.
83, Gwynn,	Bucyrus,	R. V. Vaughn,	Cyrus H. Fisher.
86, Elyria,	Elyria,	C. H. Loughrey,	Geo. H. Mapes.

SEVENTH ARCH

Comp. I. L. Oppenheimer, Pomeroy, Ill. Grand Sentinel, Inspector of Councils: —

4, Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	Albert E. Culter,	J. W. Best,
15, Athens,	Athens,	B. A. Headley,	James A. Palmer.
32, Moriah,	Gallipolis,	G. W. C. Poore,	John C. Vanden.
39, HockHocking,	Logan,	Anth. W. Mauk,	Chas. W. James.
54, Belmont,	St. Clairsville,	C. W. Carroll,	J. B. Meyer.
78, Marietta,	Marietta,	W. J. Kirkwood,	A. W. Tompkins.
87, Bellaire,	Bellaire,	T. M. Roseberry,	Will Daugherty.

EIGHTH ARCH

Comp. Abram C. Kopp, Chillicothe, Past T. Ill. Master, Chillicothe Council No. 4, Inspector of Councils: —

16, Hillsboro,	Hillsboro,	Geo. L. Garret,	C. W. Anderson.
17, Springfield,	Springfield,	C. A. Schuster,	O. H. Anderson.
41, London,	London,	C. E. Arbuckle,	Geo. W. Clark.
46, Bosworth	Pomeroy,	F. E. Bolton, Middleport, O.,	Geo. H. Parker, Pomeroy, O.
71, Trowel,	Jackson,	H. C. Murfin,	W. H. Sloan.
79, Solomon,	Portsmouth,	A. J. Fuller,	Geo. Padan.

NINTH ARCH

Comp. Nelson Williams, Hamilton, M. Ill. Grand Master, Inspector of Councils: —

1, Cincinnati,	Cincinnati,	W. J. Strauss,	Jos. Kirkup.
2, Union,	Steubenville,	Jay R. Sweeney,	H. R. Linton.
8, Columbus,	Columbus,	B. O. Brown,	W. E. Joseph.
9, Reese,	Dayton,	John Cissna,	Chas. D. Kidd.
20, Lima,	Lima,	Geo. P. Conner,	Wallace Landis.
33, Toledo,	Toledo,	H. A. Lavey,	E. W. Eastell.
56, Gebal,	Uhrichsville,	L. F. Romig,	L. E. Everett.
77, Wyoming,	Wyoming,	H. Ruckelshausen Carthage, O.	Leslie Webb.

This announcement has been delayed because of the failure of some Subordinate Councils to hold their elections at the time fixed by their by-laws, and the neglect of others to report the result of the election held. It is therefore important that the Inspectors take up the work of inspections at once, and communicate with the Thrice Illustrious Masters' in their respective Arches to the end that an early inspection may be had of all the Councils in the State. While it is desired that the inspections shall be made so far as possible by the Companions herein appointed, yet the inspection is the thing desired, and if any of the Companions herein named are unable for any reason to inspect one or more of the Councils assigned them, they are authorized to delegate their authority to some suitable Companion or Companions in whose wisdom, judgment and integrity they have confidence, and whose report they are willing to subscribe. It is desired that the inspections be made before July 1st, and Inspecting officers will promptly forward to this office, a report of each inspection with a statement of their expenses.

The Thrice Illustrious Master will cause this circular to be read in Council at the first Stated Assembly after its receipt, and, upon notification by the Inspecting Officer, will promptly arrange for the Visitation and Inspection.

As our Grand Jurisdiction now has the proud distinction of leading the Cryptic forces of the world in numerical strength, let us not only endeavor to maintain this position, but let us see to it that our standard of excellence, our devotion to duty, our earnestness and zeal are second to none.

Zealously and Fraternally,

NELSON WILLIAMS,

M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest: WM. E. EVANS, *Grand Recorder.*

Notwithstanding the late date at which this circular was issued, I have much pleasure in reporting that all the Councils in the State, except two, were inspected. One of these, Union Council No. 2, of Steubenville, I had assigned to myself, and antici-

pated much pleasure in making the inspection. But it proved impossible for me to leave home at the time set for the inspection, and I was thereafter out of this Grand Jurisdiction until too late to make the inspection. The other Council was Delphos No. 72, of Delphos. This Council was assigned to Illustrious Companion Warren J. Baker for inspection, and from correspondence submitted to me by Companion Baker, as well as from correspondence between the Thrice Illustrious Master and myself, I am satisfied that Companion Baker made every possible effort to bring about an inspection of this Council. In this connection permit me to say that a few Councils in the State apparently do not understand that the annual inspection of Councils is required by the law of the Grand Council, and that the inspectors are the proxies of the Grand Master and are entitled to the same courteous treatment and thoughtful consideration usually accorded him. It has been the custom of this Grand Council for many years, in making the assignment of inspectors, to publish with the list of Subordinate Councils and the names of the inspectors, the names of the Thrice Illustrious Masters and Recorders of Subordinate Councils for the current year. Because of the failure of many Councils to elect officers at the time fixed by their by-laws, the assignment of inspectors is necessarily delayed. Then there is a disposition to postpone the inspections to the latest possible date without reference to the convenience of the inspector. The reason usually assigned is lack of proficiency in the Ritual, but sometimes the delay is asked because there is no candidate in sight. Neither of these is a good excuse. In this day of almost perfect ritualism there is no reason why the Officers of a Council should not be prepared to confer the degrees within thirty days after their election, and as to the candidate, while it is preferable to have a real candidate, it is better to use a substitute, than embarass the inspectors, and retard the business of the Grand Council.

I extend to the Inspectors my sincere thanks for the unusual amount of energy displayed by them in the inspection of the Councils assigned to them, which was necessitated by the lateness of their appointment.

Councils Instituted.

The Grand Council having at its last Annual Assembly, granted a Charter to Matchette Council No. 91, located at Greenville, and the Companions of said Council having expressed a desire to have me present at its institution, I visited Greenville on November 9, 1904, for the purpose of instituting the Council. The night was disagreeable and only a small number of the Companions were present. I opened the Grand Council in Special Grand Assembly, the stations being filled by the Companions of the Council to be instituted, and the Council was thereupon instituted in due and ancient form, and in accordance with the forms and ceremonials prescribed by this Grand Council.

On November 11, 1904, I visited Fostoria, and instituted Fostoria Council No. 90, located in that city, to which Council a Charter was granted at our last Annual Assembly. This was an occasion of great interest to me and one which I shall long remember. After a pleasant afternoon spent with the Companions, I proceeded to open the Grand Council in Emergent Assembly in the room adjoining the Blue lodge room, in which the Assemblies of the Council are held, and appointed the following named companions to fill the offices of the Grand Council pro tempore.

Comp. R. M. Kiser, . . .	R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master
Comp. W. D. Heckert, . .	R. Ill. Grand P. C. of W.
Comp. John Stephens, . .	R. Ill. Grand Treasurer
Comp. L. T. Jones, . . .	R. Ill. Grand Recorder
Comp. J. J. Overton, . .	Ill. Grand C. of G.
Comp. W. H. Fitzsimmons, .	Ill. Grand C. of C.
Comp. S. L. Ghaster, . .	Ill. Grand Steward
Comp. J. P. Evans, . . .	Ill. Grand Sentinel
Comp. G. L. Hoege, . . .	Ill. Grand Marshal

Council having been opened in due form, the Grand Council was received with the grand honors and its officers assumed their respective stations, after which the Council was instituted in accordance with the forms and ceremonials prescribed by this Grand Council.

After the institution of the Council, I installed the officers

elect thereof, after which the Grand Council retired, closed in due form and the officers thereof returned to the Council Chamber. After the routine business of the Council was transacted one Companion Royal Arch Mason, being in waiting, was received and advanced to the degrees of Royal and Select Master in due form. The work was well rendered and I am satisfied that no mistake was made in granting the Charter for this Council. The occasion ended with a banquet provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and a social session, which we were compelled to leave before the end in order to catch a train.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

During the year I have granted the following Special Dispensations to Subordinate Councils:

1904, November 28th.

To Toledo Council No. 33, to hold the Stated Assembly of December 8, 1904, in the rooms of the Masonic Club, on the fourth floor of the Valentine building in the city of Toledo. This became necessary because of the inability of the Council to secure proper accommodations in the apartments of Yondota Lodge, which it was occupying under Dispensation from this Grand Council.

1904, December 13th.

To Union Council No. 2, at Steubenville, to elect and install officers at the next Stated Assembly of said Council to be held on December 15, 1904.

1904, December 20th.

To Hock Hocking Council No. 39, at Logan, to elect and install officers at the next Stated Assembly of said Council to be held on January 3, 1905.

1905, January 7th.

To Toledo Council No. 33, to hold its Stated Assembly of January 12, 1905, in the Masonic Club Rooms in the Valentine Building in the city of Toledo, and to install officers elect of said Council, and transact such other business as might regularly come before the Council.

1905, January 11th.

To Wyoming Council No. 77, to elect and install officers at the

next Stated Assembly of said Council to be held January 26, 1905.
1905, January 14th.

To Hillsboro Council No. 16 to elect and install officers at the next Stated Assembly of said Council to be held on January 19, 1905.
1905, February 18th.

To Toledo Council No. 33, to hold its Assemblies, confer Degress and transact business in the Blue Lodge Room of the New Masonic Temple in the city of Toledo, until further Dispensation should be granted or this Dispensation revoked.
1905, May 3rd.

To Gebal Council No. 56, at Uhrichsville to remove its Charter, properties and paraphernalia to the new Masonic Temple in the village of Uhrichsville, and to henceforth hold its Assemblies in said new Temple.
1905, May 11th.

To Toledo Council No. 33, to elect and install a Conductor of Council at the next Stated Assembly of said Council to be held May 11, 1905.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW COUNCILS.

On April 5, 1905, I received a petition from Companion C. B. Jamison and ten other Companions, all Royal and Select Masters, residing at Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, praying for a Dispensation empowering them to form, open and hold, according to the usages of the Order, a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be located at the city of Piqua and to be known as LaFayette Council. This petition was accompanied by the necessary fee and the consents of the neighboring Councils whose Jurisdiction would be affected. There also accompanied this petition a written pledge signed by a very large number of Companion Royal Arch Masons of Piqua and vicinity, agreeing, in the event of the establishment of a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Piqua, to petition for the degrees within a reasonable time thereafter. Having knowledge of the zeal of the petitioners and information concerning their energy, pluck and perseverance of the Royal Arch Masons of the vicinity, and believing that it would be for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry in this State to es-

tablish a Council in the City of Piqua, on April 19, 1905, I issued a Dispensation to Companion Jamison and the ten other Companions empowering them to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said City of Piqua, the same to be known as LaFayette Council, U. D., and appointed Companion William H. Swift to be the first Thrice Illustrious Master; Companion Reed D. Burnham to be the first Deputy Illustrious Master, and Companion Judd L. Palmer to be the first Principal Conductor of Work of said Council.

Said Council was subsequently organized under the direction of Most Illustrious Past Grand Master William T. McLean, and subsequent to its organization it was my pleasure to visit the Council and witness the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters Degrees. The work of the Companions merited and had my highest commendation. The statistical report made by this Council shows that fifty-five Companions were advanced prior to July 31, the end of the fiscal year, and I believe this of itself is sufficient to justify the wisdom of granting the Dispensation.

The fee accompanying the petition was turned over to the Grand Recorder and the petition, consents and other papers are herewith submitted.

On August 22nd I received a petition signed by Companion Frank H. Marquis and twenty-eight other Companions, all Royal and Select Masters, residing at or in the vicinity of Mansfield, in Richland County, Ohio, praying for the establishment of a Council in the City of Mansfield to be known as Mansfield Council. This petition was accompanied by the necessary fee and the consents of neighboring Councils whose Jurisdiction would be affected by the establishment of a new Council at Mansfield. Fourteen of the Companions who signed this petition were members of a former Council located in the City of Mansfield which had surrendered its charter, but the city is one of the best in the state, its Jurisdiction is a large one, the remaining petitioners are active, energetic and zealous Select Masters of neighboring Councils, and I felt that it was my duty to grant a Dispensation for the establishment of the Council as prayed for.

Accordingly on August 22, 1905, I issued a Dispensation to

Companion Frank H. Marquis and the other twenty-eight Companions who signed the petition, empowering them to form, open and hold, according to the usages of the Order, a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters to be located at Mansfield in the County of Richland and State of Ohio, and to be known as Mansfield Council U. D.

I appointed Companion Frank H. Marquis to be the first Thrice Illustrious Master; Companion John Weil to be the first Deputy Illustrious Master; and Companion Elmore H. Lindsay to be the first Principal Conductor of the Work of said Council.

Knowing that Most Illustrious Past Grand Master William T. McLean had relatives as well as a large circle of acquaintances and friends in the City of Mansfield, I requested him to be present on the night appointed for the organization of the new Council and lend such assistance as might be necessary or proper in the premises. Companion McLean reported to me that the Council was duly organized under Dispensation on September 8th and that they were successfully launched upon their career.

Companion McLean's report is so complimentary to the Companions of this new Council that I am constrained to print it as made. It is as follows:

SIDNEY, O., Sept. 21, 1905.

Nelson Williams, Esq., Hamilton, Ohio:

M. ILL. AND DEAR COMPANION:

I am pleased to report to you that by your direction under date of September 6th inst. I proceeded to Mansfield on Friday the 8th inst. and saw the Companions there to whom you were pleased to issue a Dispensation to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters, successfully launch the same upon what I am satisfied will be a creditable career.

I saw the Council opened in Due and Ample Form and as near letter perfect as any old Council could have done, showing the interest and spirit of the Fraters in the new venture.

Their minutes are entered upon the records in correct form,

and the by-laws adopted, the same, with necessary local changes, as those adopted by Gwynn Council at Bucyrus, and which have been approved by the Grand Council, thus assuring them to be of the right stamp. Paraphernalia purchased is of the best, and they will have all modern and necessary furniture required to conduct an up-to-date and live Council—ARCHES included.

I will be able to make a recommendation to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, most favorable to this new Council.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by your request and the opportunity afforded me to visit my old residence city and renew my acquaintance of a quarter of a century before, I beg to remain, with assurances of my most high esteem,

Zealously and Fraternally Yours,

(Signed) WM. T. MCLEAN,
M. Ill. P. G. M.

Ordinarily I would not have granted a Dispensation so late in the year, but believing that the Companions would be able to make a satisfactory showing to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, even in so short a time, I felt justified in issuing the Dispensation.

The fee accompanying the petition was turned over to the Grand Recorder and the petition, consents and other papers are herewith submitted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Shortly after the close of our last Grand Assembly, Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, tendered his resignation to the M. Ill. Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, which was accepted. In tendering his resignation, Companion Bromwell took occasion to suggest to the M. Ill. Grand Master of Kansas, the appointment of Illustrious Companion George P. Conner, Thrice Illustrious Master of Lima Council No. 20, as his successor. This suggestion was referred to me by the M. Ill. Grand Master of Kansas, and, heartily approving and confirming the same, I was pleased to recommend the appointment of Com-

panion Conner to this position of trust and confidence. I was subsequently advised by our Grand Recorder that the appointment had been made.

JEWEL PRESENTED.

By resolution of the Grand Council, adopted at our last Annual Assembly, a committee consisting of Companions Jacob H. Bromwell, W. A. Spill and Lewis P. Schaus, was appointed to procure the usual jewel for presentation to the retiring Most Illustrious Grand Master, and to present the same to him at some favorable opportunity.

I was later advised by the committee that the jewel had been procured and presented to M. Ill. Companion Lane, and I accordingly approved an order in payment of the bill therefor.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On October 25, 1904, at the instance of the Conneaut Council No. 40, I requested the Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania to grant a waiver of jurisdiction over Companion Kent E. Lyman a Royal Arch Mason residing at Jamestown, in that Grand Jurisdiction, and who desired to be advanced in Conneaut Council No. 40 .

On November 2, 1904, I received from the Most Puissant Grand Master, Companion David O. McCollum, a most cordial and gracious letter in which he granted the waiver asked for.

RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

On March 15, 1905, I received a letter from Companion John L. Roemer, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain of this Grand Council, announcing his intention of removing from the Jurisdiction, and tendering his resignation. While I had been informed of the possibility of such action on the part of our Illustrious Companion, I had hoped that he would decide to remain in our Jurisdiction. His letter, however, determined the matter, and is as follows:

CHILLICOTHE, O., March 14, 1905.

MR. NELSON WILLIAMS, *Hamilton, Ohio.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION:

This day I sever my connections with the Church and this community and go not only beyond the bounds of Chillicothe but the jurisdiction of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ohio. My future home will be in St. Louis. Before leaving here I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the courtesies and the many kindnesses which have been received be me at your hand. It will be necessary for me under the circumstances to formally announce to you my resignation as the Chaplain of the Grand Council. In doing so I further desire to state that I shall ever recall with pleasure my association with the Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council to whom I extend my best wishes.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. ROEMER.

On March 16th I replied to the foregoing letter, accepting the resignation of Right Illustrious Companion Roemer, expressing the regrets of the officers and Companions of the Grand Council, at his removal from our jurisdiction, tendering him our best wishes, and bidding him God speed in his new field of labor.

Our loss is Missouri's gain, and we congratulate our sister Grand Jurisdiction on the fact that they now have within their borders this affable, courteous, zealous Companion, and polished Christian gentleman.

Having no occasion to use a Grand Chaplain, I did not appoint a successor to Rt. Ill. Companion Roemer until September 26th, when I tendered the position to Rev. Companion V. F. Brown of Dayton. Companion Brown expressed a willingness to accept, and on September 28th I appointed him Grand Chaplain of this Grand Council pro tempore. The Rt. Ill. Companion is with us to-day in the discharge of his duties, and when you have met him, I am quite sure it will not be necessary for me to urge your approval of my action.

ABSENCE OF CHARTER IN CINCINNATI COUNCIL NO. 1.

On the twenty-fourth day of October, 1827, John Barker, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and acting as general agent of the Supreme Council in the United States, granted and issued to a requisite number of Companions, residing in Cincinnati, a Charter authorizing and empowering them to form themselves into a just and legal Council of Royal and Select Masters by the name of Cincinnati Council No. 1, to be holden at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio. The Council organized under this Charter was one of the five Councils represented at the Convention held at Worthington, Ohio, on January 6, 1830, at which the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio was organized. It appears that after the organization of the Grand Council of Ohio, the Charter issued by John Barker to Cincinnati Council No. 1, was either surrendered or taken up, and that no Charter has ever been issued to Cincinnati Council No. 1, by this Grand Council. This oversight appears to have been discovered in 1862, but instead of then applying for a Charter, the Companions of Cincinnati Council procured from R. Ill. Companion John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder, a certificate under date of June 1, 1862, certifying that Cincinnati Council No. 1 "was one of the five original subordinate Councils which organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of the State of Ohio," and that it "is a legal Council in this Jurisdiction." This certificate was framed and hung on the wall, and, dingy with age, it has been looked upon by succeeding generations as the Charter of the Council. This certificate has no authoritative weight however, and if it could be construed into a Dispensation, it would have expired at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The fact therefore is that for three-fourths of a century the oldest Council in the state has been existing without a Dispensation or Charter. It has done so well that it seems almost unnecessary to worry about its parentage. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite long ago abandoned its claim to jurisdiction over the Royal and Select Master degrees, and therefore a restoration of the original Charter issued by John Barker could not be obtained. I am therefore of the

opinion that this Grand Council should at this time grant to the Companions of Cincinnati Council No. 1, a Charter or Warrant continuing them as a legal Council, and embodying therein a reference to the facts herein stated, and I submit the matter for your consideration.

ABSENCE FROM THE JURISDICTION.

In the early part of May an opportunity was opened to me to visit California and the Northwest. I regretted very much to leave my post of duty, but I had long desired to see the portion of our great country lying west of the Rocky Mountains, and set foot on soil made memorable by the men of '49, who endured hardships, trials and privations, and spent their vital energies, as men are still doing to-day, in an attempt to satisfy the insatiable greed for gold. Being satisfied that the affairs of this Grand Council would be as faithfully, intelligently and properly administered by my subordinate Grand Officers in my absence as if I were personally present, I accordingly placed them in charge of the Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master, and on May 21st left Ohio for California. I was absent six weeks and on my return I became satisfied that my absence from the Jurisdiction had in no way retarded or affected the business of the Grand Council. During my absence I was everywhere received by my brethren and Companions with hearty hand clasps, pleasant smiles and cordial words of welcome. The only Masonic bodies visited by me were Symbolic lodges, one of which I visited in each of three Grand Jurisdictions, and I was greatly surprised and almost dumbfounded in each instance when I called for a committee to test my right to sit in their midst, to have a brother step forward and vouch for me. Every Companion knows what this means, and these incidents only tend to show that after all this world of ours is not very large.

On my return home the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master made report to me in detail of all that had transpired during my absence. His report was very full and complete, but I think the only portion of it which is of such importance to the Companions of the State that it should be embodied in this report, is that portion relating to the dedication and consecration of the rooms in the new Masonic Temple at Toledo which are to be occupied by To-

ledo Council No. 33. This portion of the Deputy Grand Master's report is as follows:

"The matter of procuring a proper service for the dedication and consecration of the rooms to be occupied by Toledo Council No. 33, R. and S. M. in the new Temple, just erected in Toledo, proved to be difficult. I had but fifteen days notice and so far as I knew, or could learn, such a service was not in existence.

There was no time nor opportunity for consultation, and with much trepidation I prepared a form of service which was used.

Agreeably to the request of the Companions at Toledo, I opened the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio in emergent assembly in the City of Toledo on Tuesday, June 6, 1905, for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the Tabernacle in the magnificent Temple erected by the craft in that city, with the following officers:

Right Ill. Comp. William A. Spill,	Grand Master
Most Ill. Comp. William T. McLean of Sidney Council, No. 70, . .	Deputy Grand Master
Right Ill. Comp. Edward H. Archer,	Grand Prin. C. of W.
Rev. Comp. Walter S. Jenkins of Warren Council, No. 58, . .	Grand Chaplain
Right Ill. Comp. Henry True, . .	Grand Treasurer
Right Ill. Comp. William E. Evans,	Grand Recorder
Ill. Comp. Milton B. Dickerson, .	Grand C. of G.
Ill. Comp. Warren J. Baker, . .	Grand C. of G.
Ill. Comp. Charles H. Giessen, . .	Grand Steward
Ill. Comp. I. L. Oppenheimer, . .	Grand Sentinel

The Grand Council then proceeded to the Tabernacle and conducted the services as per the form attached after which the Grand Council was closed. In accordance with the proceedings of the other bodies, each officer in attendance was allowed an order for his transportation and one day per diem, which in no instance was equal to the expenditure of the Companion receiving the same. The Companions at Toledo are to be complimented and congratulated on the elegance and completeness of their splendid new home."

Accompanying the report of the Right Illustrious Deputy, was a copy of the ceremonial prepared by him and used on this occasion. It seems to be full and complete, and I suggest that one or more copies be filed with the Grand Recorder for future use, until such time as this Grand Council shall deem it advisable to have a Code of Laws, with forms and ceremonials, as have the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, at which time it can be embodied therein.

VISITATIONS.

During the year I have visited the following Councils in this Jurisdiction: Cincinnati No. 1, Columbus No. 8, Reese No. 9, Lima No. 20, Cleveland No. 36, Gebal No. 56, Gwynn No. 83, Fostoria No. 90, and Matchette No. 91. I had planned to visit many more, but sickness and death in my family and absence from the Jurisdiction must be my excuse. In the Councils visited I was everywhere received in the most cordial and fraternal manner, and with the honors due the station I occupy.

CONCLUSION.

And now Companions my report is before you. I know there is but little to commend, and trust you may find but little to criticise. The ideal Grand Master would be the man, who, otherwise competent, was so happily situated in life as not to be under the necessity of constantly striving for bread and butter. He would thus have ample time to devote to the business of the Grand Council and for the visitations which always result in much good to the subordinate bodies. I am under lasting obligations to the subordinate officers of the Grand Council for assistance rendered during the year. To the R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master and R. Ill. Grand Recorder, I am specially indebted for their co-operation during the year, and particularly while I was absent from the Jurisdiction. And companions what farewell word shall I speak to you before I surrender the gavel to my successor at the close of this Assembly. You have been so kind, courteous and considerate in all of our associations in Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council, that it is impossible to make proper recognition

in words. I trust that God may give me strength and life, that I may be able to show you by my actions how highly I appreciate your great kindness.

Zealously and Fraternally,

NELSON WILLIAMS,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

On motion of Companion William M. Cunningham, the address of Most Illustrious Grand Master Nelson Williams, was referred to the Special Committee on Topical Reference for division and reference.

Report of the Grand Recorder.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, October 3rd, 1905.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

I have the pleasure of submitting herewith my Thirteenth Annual Report, and it is a source of satisfaction to be able to report to you that returns have been received from all Councils, and the Grand Dues paid in full, for the year ending July 31, 1905, and that these returns were all received in good time, with one exception only, viz: London Council No. 41, which I regret to inform you was not received until September 26th. No excuse was made by this Council for this delinquency, nor any reason why they did not comply with the rules of this Grand Council. I leave the matter of enforcing the penalty with you.

This year I adopted a new plan in sending out the blanks for Annual Reports, sending them by registered mail; while the postage was somewhat more than the old way, I had the satisfaction of receiving a receipt for the package from each Recorder, so that none had the old time excuse of saying that the blanks had not been sent; in this way reports were more prompt than in form-

er years, and I desire to compliment the Recorders for the uniform neatness and correctness of their reports, very few were returned for corrections.

We have now on the rolls, 60 Chartered Councils and 3 Councils Under Dispensations, and a total membership of 8,252.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

MEMBERSHIP —		
Membership July 31, 1904		7,590
Number advanced		830
Number admitted		53
Number reinstated		40
Total membership		8,513
DEDUCT —		
Number withdrawn	64	
Number died	93	
Number suspended	104	
	261	
		261
Membership July 31, 1905		8,252
A net gain of		662

This compared with last year's report, (which was the largest years work in the history of the Grand Council) is only 101 less, which is indeed a very gratifying result, showing that Cryptic Masonry in Ohio is bound to grow, and is now one of the strong Grand Masonic Bodies of the State.

Only three Councils in this Jurisdiction, report no Advancements this year, viz: Norwalk No. 24, Moriah No. 32, and Delphos No. 72.

Fifty-eight Councils show a gain over the preceding year, and five Councils show a loss, this loss to some of these Councils, was caused by members dimitting for the purpose of joining a new Council.

The death list shows nine less this year, and the suspended for non-payment of dues sixteen less than last year.

Cash receipts this year as follows:

Received for Grand Dues	$4,574 50
Received from Wooster Council No. 13. Grand dues, due July 31, 1904	31 00
Received Dispensation fees from Lafayette U. D. at Piqua, Ohio	50 00
Mansfield U. D. at Mansfield	50 00
Total receipts	$4,705.50

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt herewith.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, October 3rd, 1905,

Received of William E. Evans, R. Ill. Grand Recorder, the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Five and 50/100 Dollars, ($4,705.50.)

HENRY TRUE,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

During the year I have issued a number of certificates of good standing, to members who held their membership in Councils that have surrendered their Charters, for the purpose of enabling them to affiliate with some live Council.

My work this year has been made pleasant by the very courteous treatment of Grand Master Williams, and the other Grand Officers, as well as by the prompt manner in which every Recorder has complied with each request from this office. To all of whom I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness, and hereby tender them my sincere thanks.

Asking that this report, together with the subordinate returns, be referred to the Committees on Accounts and Subordinate Returns, I am

Zealously and Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

Which, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts and Subordinate Returns.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

SPRINGFIELD, O., October 3, 1905.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

COMPANIONS—

I herewith submit the following report of the funds that have come into my hands as Grand Treasurer since October 4th, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

1904.		
Oct. 1st	To balance on hand	$1,106.24
Oct. 4th	Received from Grand Recorder	4,406.50
Oct. 4th	To balance on hand October 4th, 1904	$5,512.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

1904.			
Oct. 4th	By pay-roll at Columbus		$836.80
"	By Wm. E. Evans,	Order 64	34.25
"	By Wm. E. Evans,	Order 65	535.75
"	By John F. Lane,	Order 66	76.13
"	By Rev. J. L. Roemer,	Order 67	10.00
"	By C. H. Giessen,	Order 68	15.00
"	By Henry True,	Order 69	15.00
"	By W. M. Cunningham,	Order 70	100.00
"	By Ohio Masonic Home,	Order 71	2,000.00
"	By Wm. E. Evans,	Order 72	24.00
"	By E. K. Cunningham,	Order 73	10.04
"	By H. W. Mordhurst,	Order 74	30.00
"	By E.A.ArmstrongMfg.Co.,	Order 75	22.50
"	By Michie Bros.,	Order 76	57.00
1905.			
Feb. 3rd	By Scholl Printing Co.	Order 77	370.10
"	By E. H. Archer,	Order 78	35.55
"	By P. Schmidt & Co.,	Order 79	7.00
"	By Wm. E. Evans,	Order 80	18.30
"	By W. A. Spill,	Order 81	11.30
"	By E. H. Archer,	Order 82	10.40
"	By Henry True,	Order 83	7.50
"	By Rev. W. S. Jenkins,	Order 84	12.40
"	By M. B. Dickerson,	Order 85	7.25
"	By Chas. W. Giessen,	Order 86	9.75

Feb. 3rd,	— By I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order 87.....	17.05
"	— By W. T. McLean,	Order 88.....	9.20
"	— By W. J. Baker,	Order 89.....	26.10
"	— By I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order 90.....	35.19
"	— By W. A. Spill,	Order 91.....	50.72
"	— By M. B. Dickerson,	Order 92.....	29.05
"	— By A. C. Kopp,	Order 93.....	35.30
"	— By Wm. E. Evans,	Order 94.....	24.65
"	— By Chas. H. Giessen,	Order 95.....	24.95
"	— By W. T. McLean,	Order 96.....	6.95
"	— By Mrs. E. Suder,	Order 97.....	10.00
Sept. 29th	— To balance		987.56
	Total		$5,512.74

1905.

Sept. 29th	— To balance in hands of Treasurer .	987.56
Oct. 3rd.	— Received from W. E. Evans, G. R.	4,705.50
	Balance on hand Oct. 3rd, 1905	$5,693.06

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY TRUE,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Which, with vouchers, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Topical Reference.

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

The undersigned Committee on Topical Reference to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master for its appropriate division and reference, have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend:

That so much thereof as refers to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

That so much as relates to the inspection of Subordinate Councils be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

That so much as relates to Dispensations of New Councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the absence of Charter in Cincinnati Council No. 1 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

And that all other matters therein reported be and hereby are approved and this Grand Council congratulated that the harmony and prosperity prevailing in this Jurisdiction has relieved the Grand Master from making decisions or considering cases of Appeals or Grievances.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
ROBT. V. VAUGHAN,
R. B. HANNA,
Committee.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Report of the Trustee of the Masonic Home.

To the M. Ill. Grand Master and Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ohio:

COMPANIONS—

As your representative on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home, I take pleasure in submitting the annual report of the Board for the year ending July 31st, 1905, which I recommend be referred to the Special Committee on Masonic Home to select so much of said report as it may be desirable to print in the Annual Proceedings and to make such recommendations as may seem desirable.

The year just past has been one of continued usefulness of this great charity. The number of inmates is very near up to the full capacity of the present buildings. There were on the 31st day of July, 1905, the following on our rolls, viz:

Men, 67 of an average age of.....	73 years
Women, 37 of an average of	73 years
Boys, 29 of an average age of.....	12 years
Girls, 27 of an average of.....	12 years

During the past year the hospital built and equipped by the Order of the Eastern Star, has been fully completed and furnished and is now in use. The cost, which was borne entirely by the la-

dies and gentlemen who belong to that order amounted to something over $14,000. The cornerstone of this building was laid October 26th, 1904 and without any mishap or delay went forward to completion and was dedicated on the tenth of May, 1905. The special thanks of the order are due to the donors of this most necessary and useful addition to the Home.

The financial report shows the following:

RECEIPTS.

General Fund	$35,093 44
Endowment Fund	10,432 02
Hospital Fund	4,455 26
Ground Improvement Fund	402 38
Library Fund	40 00
Total	$50,423 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Fund	$35,648 82
Ground Improvement Fund	336 15
Library Fund	40 00
Hospital Fund	10,949 00
Endowment Fund	525 72
Total	$47,499 69

Leaving balances in the various funds as follows:

General Fund	$ 2,121 61
Endowment Fund	50,589 84
Hospital Fund	25 00
Ground Improvement Fund	193 58
Library Fund	1,000 00
Total	$53,930 03

I desire particularly to call your attention to the growth of the Endowment Fund which now amounts to over $50,000 and which is invested in safe interest bearing securities. I earnestly hope and recommend that out of such surplus funds that may be left in the Grand Treasury of this Grand Council after the pay-

ment of the expenses of this session and provision for the maintenance of this Grand Body for the coming year, you will make such appropriation as may be thought proper and especially to add to the Endowment Fund.

Congratulating the Order upon the very competent and able work of the Superintendent, Comp. John W. Parsons, and the matron, his good wife, and upon the generally prosperous and successful condition of the Home, I am,

Zealously and fraternally,

J. H. BROMWELL,
Trustee.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Report of Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Companion George D. McBride, Chairman of the Special Committee on Masonic Home, recommended that so much of the report of the Masonic Home Trustees, as may be deemed advisable by the Grand Recorder, be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Council.

On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS

OF THE

OHIO MASONIC HOME

SPRINGFIELD, 1905

OFFICERS.

John M. Stull, President; J. W. Iredell, Jr., First Vice President; W. J. Akers, Second Vice President; Edward Harford, Treasurer; John W. Parsons (Springfield), Superintendent and Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

REPRESENTING GRAND LODGE—George D. McBride, Gallipolis; Edward Harford, Springfield; Nelson Williams, Hamilton; Leander Burdick, Toledo; John M. Stull, Warren; Edwin L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain.

REPRESENTING GRAND CHAPTER—J. W. Iredell, Jr., Cincinnati; Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati; Gibson H. Robinson, Cleveland.

REPRESENTING GRAND COUNCIL—J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.

REPRESENTING GRAND COMMANDERY—John P. McCune, Columbus; Martin J. Houck, Dayton; A. F. Vance, Jr., Urbana.

REPRESENTING A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE—Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati; Wm. J. Akers, Cleveland. ,

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE.—J. W. Iredell, Jr., Levi C. Goodale, Edward Harford, Nelson Williams, A. F. Vance, Jr.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.—Wm. J. Akers, John M. Stull, George D. McBride, Martin J. Houck, Gibson H. Robinson.

FINANCE.—Wm. B. Melish, Leander Burdick, J. H. Bromwell, E. L. Lybarger, John P. McCune.

AUDITING.—Wm. B. Melish, J. H. Bromwell.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 1, 1905.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs of the Home for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1905:

GENERAL FUND.

On hand July 31, 1904	$	2,676 99
Receipts during the year		35,093 44
	$	37,770 43
Disbursements		35,648 82
Balance on hand	$	2,121 61

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand July 31, 1904	$40,683	54
Receipts during the year	10,432	02
	$ 51,115	56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Premium and interest on bonds purchased	$ 525	72
Balance on hand	50,589	84

(including the Jacob Hoffner bequest of $5,000.00.)

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

On hand July 31, 1904	$ 127	35
Receipts during the year	402	38
	$ 529	73
Disbursements	336	15
Balance on hand	$ 193	58

HOSPITAL FUND.

On hand July 31, 1904	$ 6,518	74
Receipts during the year	4,455	26
	$ 10,974	00
Disbursements	$ 10,949	00
Balance on hand	$ 25	00

LIBRARY FUND.

On hand July 31, 1904—Bonds	$ 1,000	00
Receipts during the year—Interest	40	00
	$ 1,040	00
Disbursements—Wm. B. Melish, Chairman, for investment	40	00
Balance on hand	$ 1,000	00
Total on hand in all funds	$ 53,930	03

The General Fund receipts were from the following sources:

John Heileman—Care of children	$ 118 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest on deposits and bonds	1,983 45
Grand Lodge of Ohio, advance of per capita tax	3,000 00
J. W. Parsons, Superintendent—Sundry receipts	219 74
Grand Council of Ohio R. and S. M.—Donation	500 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio R. A. M.—Per capita tax	4,941 25
Grand Chapter of Ohio R. A. M.—Donation	500 00
Board of children	112 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Per capita tax	14,472 90
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Donation	6,000 00
Jerome H. Russell, Toledo—Donation	100 00
Danville Lodge, No. 546, Danville—Donation	25 00
Frank F. Howe, Marietta—Donation	12 00
E. A. Whiteman, Administrator—(Board of parents)	38 00
H. Levy, Grand High Priest of Nevada—Donation	5 00
Henry Hirsch, Archbold, O.—Donation	5 00
Grand Commandery, K. T. of Ohio—Donation	3,000 00
Cheviot Lodge, No. 140, Cincinnati—St. John's Day collections	61 10
	$ 35,093 44

We are indebted as follows for the increase in the Endowment Fund:

Grand Council of Ohio R. and S. M.—Donation	$ 1,500 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio R. A. M.—Donation	2,000 00
Miss Sophia Wraith, Wilmington, O.—Donation	100 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio F. and A. M.—Donation	6,000 00
John Edgar, a resident—Donation	500 00
N. C. Harmony, Lodge No. 2, Cincinnati, O.—Donation	25 00
Webb Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., Cleveland, O.—Donation	100 00
Bigelow Lodge No. 243, F. and A. M., Cleveland, O.—Donation	50 00

Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M., Cleveland, O.—Donation	100 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest	7 02
Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T., Cleveland, O.—Donation	50 00
	$ 10,432 02

The Ground Improvement Fund has received the following contributions during the year:

Bigelow Lodge, No. 243, F. and A. M., Cleveland, Ohio	$ 50 00
Halcyon Lodge, No. 498, F. and A. M., Cleveland, Ohio	200 00
Brother A. M. Rumer, Bucyrus, O	100 00
Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T. Cleveland, Ohio	50 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest	2 38
	$ 402 38

LIBRARY FUND.

Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest on bonds	$ 40 00

HOSPITAL FUND.

Carnation Chapter, No. 167, O. E. S., New Lexington, Ohio	$ 10 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest	244 32
Grand Chapter of Ohio, O. E. S	4,200 94
	$ 4,455 26

ALL FUNDS.

Total receipts during the year	$ 50,423 10
Total disbursements during the year	47,499 69
Excess of receipts over disbursements	$ 2,923 41

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED.

BETTERMENTS—MAIN BUILDING.

Fixtures and plumbing	$	128 57
Bedding		63 53
House furnishings		400 51
Hospital improvements		953 82
Pump house and machinery		2,193 61
New boiler room and machinery		2,446 26
Library		40 00
Miscellaneous		4 50
Power plant and machinery		114 52
Tableware		68 90
Tools		27 31
	$	6,441 53

BETTERMENTS—GROUNDS.

From General Fund	$	838 11
From Ground Improvement Fund		336 15
	$	1,174 26

BETTERMENTS—FARM AND BARN.

Chickens	$	7 57
Farm and barn utensils		127 56
Harness		9 25
Miscellaneous		3 75
New buildings and additions		39 04
	$	187 17

ENDOWMENT—FUND.

Premium and interest on bonds	$	525 72
New Hospital building	$	10,949 00

MAINTENANCE.

Amusements	$	43 01
Bedding		37 26
Clothing		1,154 63
Drugs, nursing, etc.		985 98

Traveling expenses of trustees	274 09
Freight and drayage	100 85
Funeral expenses	284 00
Heat and light	3,219 55
House furnishings	266 35
Household and kitchen needs	280 44
Insurance	197 00
Ice	84 01
Laundry supplies	281 93
Miscellaneous	33 00
Printing, stationery and office expenses	243 75
Pay roll main building and general	6,026 25
Pay roll farm and barn	1,386 05
Power plant and machinery	477 39
Repairs	394 81
Shoes	265 05
School expenses	147 25
Telephone	79 03
Transportation	156 81
Toilet needs	115 30
Tobacco	167 39
Table supplies	10,269 87
Tableware	22 52
Barn incidental, shoeing, etc	127 50
Farm and barn implements	65 11
Garden seeds, plants, etc	67 80
Harness	17 45
Stock feed	950 63
	$28,222 01

Disbursements from Endowment Fund	$ 525 72
Disbursements from Library Fund	40 00
Disbursements from Hospital Fund	10,949 00
Disbursements for Betterments	7,762 96
Disbursements for Maintenance	28,222 01
	$ 47,499 69

Amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies at the sessions of 1904:

Grand Lodge	$ 29,472 90
Grand Chapter	7,441 25
Grand Council	2,000 00
Grand Commandery	3,000 00
	$41,914 15

Number of residents now on the rolls:

Men	67
Women	37
Boys	29
Girls	27
Total	160

Increase over last year, 11.

MASONIC HOME HOSPITAL.

Diseases incident to children making it necessary to isolate the sick ones, and temporary ailments among the adult inmates requiring a "Sick Bay" where they can be treated, has heretofore taxed the facilities of the Home to the utmost.

This necessity for hospital facilities attracted the attention of Brother John Blyth and others prominently connected with the Order of the Eastern Star, who appealed to their order for funds with which to erect a hospital to meet the needs of those of the Home who may become temporarily ill. The appeal met with a hearty response and resulted in the erection, under the direction of the trustees, of a hospital for the purposes above named, at a cost of some $14,000.

The corner stone of the building was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Lodge F. and A. M., of Ohio, October 26, 1904, Past Grand Master O. P. Sperra acting as Grand Master, assisted by a full corps of officers and in the presence of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Ohio (which body came over from Columbus 700 strong), and many other interested spectators, Clark and Anthony Lodges and Palestine Commandery of Springfield acting as escort for the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter.

A beautiful address was delivered by Mrs. Alice Smith, Grand Matron of Cleveland, to which a fitting response was made by Past Grand Master Sperra; after which the corner stone was laid in accordance with Masonic form, followed by appropriate addresses by able speakers; the children of the Home rendering the vocal music for the occasion, the exercises being further enlivened with music by the Cadet Band of Springfield.

The work on the building proceeded rapidly during the winter and spring, and on the 10th of May, 1905, occurred the dedication, the following program being observed:

PROGRAM.

Invocation—Gertrude B. Williams, Norwalk, Ohio, Past Grand Matron, O. E. S.

Music—By the children of the Home.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio—N. W. Dick, Columbus, Ohio, Grand Patron, O. E. S.

The Growth of the Order—Loraine J. Pitkin, Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, O. E. S.

Financial statement—Ella B. Shearer, Marysville, Ohio, Grand Secretary, O. E. S.

Music.

Presentation of building and its contents to the trustees of the Masonic Home—Jeanette S. May, Toledo, Ohio, Grand Matron, O. E. S.

Acceptance of building and its contents—John M. Stull, Warren, Ohio, president of the board of trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Relationship Existing between the Masonic Order and the Order of Eastern Star—C. G. Ballou, Toledo, Ohio, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. and A. M.

Benediction—Ellen A. Minuse, Toledo, Ohio, Grand Chaplain, O. E. S.; followed by an eloquent impromptu address by the Past Grand Master Levi C. Goodale, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother John Blyth of Fulton, Ohio, acting as chairman and master of ceremonies.

The occasion was a most happy one, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Thus is brought to a successful issue this labor of love on the part of our friends of the Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio, and may the building thus erected and furnished stand many, many years as a testimony to the earnest self-sacrificing work and devotion to the interests of charity of the members of this noble order.

Where all did so well it is difficult to particularize. We cannot refrain, however, from commending the self-sacrificing devotion and earnest hard labor of the Eastern Star committee having the matter in charge and their faithful predecessors in office, the committee at the outcome being composed of Brother John Blyth of Fulton (who has been chairman from the commencement), Mrs. Alice H. Smith of Cleveland, and Mrs. Gertrude B. Williams of Norwalk, who were assisted by the able and efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer of Marysville, Mrs. Eva J. Penn, Grand Treasurer of Westerville, and many other faithful workers.

But all did well, and all have a right to feel proud of the completion of this beautiful building.

It is now occupied by twenty adult patients, all of whom are more than satisfied with their pleasant and cheerful quarters.

The furnishings are handsome and complete. In fact, everything about the hospital is first class and reflects credit on the generous donors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME, AUGUST 1st, 1905.

GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1904....	$ 2,676 99	
Receipts as per vouchers from 5171 to 5240 inclusive, except as specified below	35,093 44	
	$37,770 43	
Disbursements as per orders 5346 to 5473 inclusive, except as specified below..	$35,648 82	
Balance on hand		$ 2,121 61

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand last report, Aug. 1, 1904.....	$40,683 54	
Receipts as per vouchers 5179, 82, 4, 7, 96, 5200, 5202, 4, 11 and 28.....	10,432 02	
	$51,115 56	
Disbursements as per order 5506.....	525 72	
Balance in Endowment Fund.....		$50,589 84

Of which $5,000 is the Jacob Hoffner legacy and $45,589.84 is the regular Endowment Fund.

HOSPITAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1904....	$ 6,518 74	
Receipts as per vouchers 5194, 5, 9 and 30..	4,455 26	
	$10,974 00	
Disbursements as per orders 5449, 50, 5507, 60, 5603, 83, 4, 5810 and 69.....	$10,949 00	
Balance on hand		$ 25 00

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1904....	$	127 35		
Receipts as per vouchers 5203, 8, 24, 9 and 39		402 38		
	$	529 73		
Disbursements as per orders 5395, 6, 7, 5805, 6, 7, 5919, 20, 21, 70 and 71..		336 15		
Balance on hand			$	193 58

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond, O., bonds.....	$	1,000 00	$1,000	00
Receipts as per vouchers 5198 and 5226....		40 00		
Disbursements as per orders 5614 and 5883		40 00		
Total cash and bonds in hands of treasurer Aug. 1, 1905.....			$53,930	03

There have been paid during year $2,032.85 interest on bonds and cash balances.

Fraternally submitted,

EDW. HARFORD,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

January 1, 1904—Balance cash on hand.....$	264	21
May 18, 1904—Interest on bonds, six months.....	20	00
December 21, 1904—Interest on bonds, six months....	20	00
December 31, 1904—Interest on balance in bank.....	7	50
June 15, 1905—Interest on bonds, six months.....	20	00
$	331	71

EXPENDITURES.

March 23, 1905—Expended for books.....$	60	00
Balance cash in bank Aug. 1, 1905.....$	271	71
Invested funds; bonds	1,000	00
Total in Library Fund.....$	1,271	71

WM. B. MELISH,
Chairman Library Fund Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 9, 1905.

To the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN:—Your Auditing Committee begs to report that it has checked up the entries and footings and compared the vouchers and books of the secretary and treasurer of the Home and find them to be correct.

These accounts are for the year commencing August 1, 1904, and ending July 31, 1905, and are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

General fund	$35,093 44	
Endowment fund	10,432 02	
Hospital fund	4,455 26	
Ground improvement fund	402 38	
Library fund	40 00	
		$50,423 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

General fund	$35,648 82	
Ground improvement fund	336 15	
Library fund	40 00	
Hospital fund	10,949 00	
Endowment fund	525 72	
Total disbursements		$47,499 69
Excess of receipts over disbursements		2,923 41

The balances July 31, 1904, were:

General fund	$ 2,676 99	
Endowment fund	40,683 54	
Hospital fund	6,518 74	
Ground improvement fund	127 35	
Library fund	1,000 00	
Total		$51,006 62
Making total balance July 31, 1905		$53,930 03

The balances distributed among the various funds are as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance July 31, 1904	$ 2,676 99
Receipts	35,093 44
	$37,770 43
Disbursements	$35,648 82
Balance July 31, 1905	$ 2,121 61

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance July 31, 1904	$40,683 54
Receipts	10,432 02
	$51,115 56
Disbursements, premium on bonds	525 72
Balance July, 31, 1905 (face value	$50,589 84

HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance July 31, 1904	$ 6,518 74
Receipts	4,455 26
Disbursements	$10,949 00
	$10,974 00
Balance July 31, 1905	$ 25 00

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Balance July 31, 1904	$ 127 35
Receipts	402 38
	$ 529 73
Disbursements	336 15
Balance July 31, 1905	$ 193 58

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance (bonds) July 31, 1904	$ 1,000 00
Receipts, interest on bonds	40 00
	$ 1,040 00
Disbursements	40 00
Balance July 31, 1905	$ 1,000 00

SECURITIES.

We have verified the deposit books and securities in the hands of the treasurer and find the following balances to the credit of the various funds represented by securities and books of deposit, viz:

GENERAL FUND.

Certificate of deposit No. 9002, Springfield Savings Bank	$ 1,000 00
Balance on pass book No. 64548, Springfield Savings Bank	1,121 61
	$ 2,121 61

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Pass Book No. 14218, Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Co., Cleveland	$ 4,289 10
Pass Book No. 3277, Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland	10,000 00
Pass Book No. 273,415, Society for Savings, Cleveland	5,000 00
Pass Book No. 58,567, Springfield Savings Bank	1,300 74
Youngstown School Bonds No. 454-458, both inclusive	5,000 00
Reading, O., Waterworks Bonds No. 17-22, both inclusive	3,000 00
Wellsville, O., Refunding Bonds No. 31-50, both inclusive	10,000 00
West Milton, O., Waterworks Bonds No. 25-26	2,000 00
Celina O., Street Improvement Bonds No. 26, to 49, both inclusive, except Nos. 30, 35, 40 and 45	10,000 00
	$50,589 84

GROUND IMPROVEMENT.

Pass Book No. 63594, Springfield Savings Bank	$ 193 58

HOSPITAL FUND.

Pass Book No. 52623	$ 25 00
Total	$ 25 00

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond Waterworks and Electric Light Bonds
—Certificates No. 103 and 104.....$ 1,0000 00

We are pleased to report that the books and vouchers of the secretary and treasurer are accurately and neatly kept, and that all entries are made and posted to date.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,
J. H. BROMWELL,
Auditing Committee.

Foreign Correspondence.

Companion William M. Cunningham, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee and asked that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Assembly.

On motion, it was so ordered.

Pay Roll.

On motion, the Committee on Pay Roll were instructed to provide one day's per diem.

Recess.

On motion of Companion J. H. Bromwell, it was agreed that when this Grand Council takes a recess, it shall re-assemble at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the first order of business on the re-assembling be the election of Grand Officers.

On motion, the Grand Council now recessed, until 2 o'clock P. M.

NELSON WILLIAMS,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Council re-convened, invocation by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion Rev. V. F. Brown.

Election of Grand Officers.

The time having arrived for the special order of business, viz: the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, the Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed

Companions JOSEPH KIRKUP,
E. E. CHENEY AND
J. R. SWEENEY,

as tellers, and choice was made by ballot, as follows, viz:

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Companion WILLIAM A. SPILL, Cleveland.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,
Companion EDWARD ARCHER, Columbus.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
Companion MILTON B. DICKERSON, Marion.

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
Companion HENRY TRUE, Marion.

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder,
Companion WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.

Telegram from the Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Ohio.

WARREN, OHIO, October 3rd, 1905.

NELSON WILLIAMS, *Most Ill. Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters, Masonic Temple, Springfield, Ohio*:

"Greetings and best wishes for your Order, which should be made requisite to Knight Templar Membership."

CARROLL F. CLAPP,
Grand Commander.

Response by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, October 3rd, 1905.

Carroll F. Clapp, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Ohio, Warren, Ohio:

"Reciprocating your fraternal greeting, the Grand Council endorses and applauds the sentiment expressed, and wishes your Order abundant prosperity."

NELSON WILLIAMS,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Committee on Accounts.

Companion George D. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, made report as follows, which, was on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Accounts beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and find them to be correct.

Amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, October 5th, 1904	$ 5,512 74
Receipts during the year	4,705 50
Total	$10,218 24
Disbursements during the year	$ 4,525 18
Balance in hands of the Treasurer	$ 5,693 06

We recommend the payment of the following items:

To Fostoria Council No. 90, refund of over-paid Grand Dues for 1904	$ 9 50
To Nelson Williams, Grand Master, expenses	83 84
To William E. Evans, Grand Recorder, salary	350 00
To William E. Evans, office rent	100 00
To William E. Evans, office expenses	109 11
To William E. Evans, making pay-roll	10 00

To Henry True, Grand Treasurer	15 00
To Rev. V. F. Brown, Grand Chaplain	10 00
To I. L. Oppenheimer, Grand Sentinel	15 00
To W. M. Cunningham, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Total	$802 45

We further recommend that $500.00 be appropriated to the current expense fund of the Masonic Home; that $500.00 be appropriated toward creating a building fund, for the purpose of enlarging the Masonic Home whenever necessary, and for no other purpose; and the further sum of $1,000.00 for the endowment fund of the Masonic Home.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE D. COPELAND,
ADDISON L. RAWLINGS,
GEORGE W. FELS,

Committee.

Grievance.

Companion Lewis P. Schaus, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Grievance take pleasure in being able to report that they can discover no Grievance in this Grand Council, that peace and harmony have prevailed during the past year throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and we trust that this peaceful condition will forever continue.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS P. SCHAUS,
H. F. ACKER,
JOHN K. CORWIN,

Committee.

Subordinate Returns.

Companion Edwin Morrell, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Subordinate Returns have performed that duty, and would respectfully make the following report:

We find all the returns from the regularly constituted Councils, and those Under Dispensation, to be correct, and we approve the same.

Courteously submitted,

EDWIN MORRELL,
JOHN G. AUGUSTINE,
A. W. REDDISH,

Committee.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion John F. Lane offered the following resolution of thanks to the Companions of the city of Springfield, Ohio, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of this city, for the very courteous manner in which this Grand Body was received at their hands, and for the many kindnesses shown us during our stay in their beautiful city of Fraternal Homes.

Also the following resolution of thanks to the Central Passenger Association, which was also unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Council fully appreciates the continued courtesies of the members of the Central Passenger Association, in again granting the members of this Grand Council reduced railroad transportation to this Annual Assembly.

Letter from the Central Passenger Association.

CHICAGO, October 21, 1905.

Mr. Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Grand Council R. & S. M., Chillicothe, Ohio:

DEAR SIR: I have much pleasure in acknowledging your esteemed favor of 19th instant which I will find an opportunity of placing before the members of the Central Passenger Association. I need scarcely assure you that the expression which you convey on behalf of your Council will be received with much gratification by our people.

Yours very truly,

F. C. DONALD,
Commissioner.

Unfinished Business.

Companion Levi C. Goodale, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg to report, that it finds on page 64, Proceedings of 1904, the following resolution to amend Article XI of the By Laws, viz:

"Amend Article XI of the By-Laws, by inserting after the word 'Council' on line 3, the following, 'including, in the case of Councils under Dispensation, all who have been Advanced to the Degree of Select Master, and also the Petitioners for the Dispensation, who are not members of consenting Councils'."
and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally,

LEVI C. GOODALE,
GEORGE P. CONNER,
LEWIS M. LEA,
Committee.

Which, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

The Article as amended is as follows:

ARTICLE XI. BY-LAWS.

"Each Subordinate Council shall pay annually the following sums: For every Companion advanced to the Degree of Select Master the sum of one dollar, and for every member of said Council, including, in the case of Councils under Dispensation, all who have been advanced to the degree of Select Master, and also the petitioners for the Dispensation who are not members of consenting Councils, fifty cents."

On motion, the Article as amended, was unanimously adopted.

Your Committee also find on same page of same Proceedings, a resolution to re-create Article V of the By-Laws, which was repealed, (see page 18 of the By-Laws of the Grand Council.)

ARTICLE V. BY-LAWS.

"The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, shall each, within twenty days after the Installation, enter into a good and sufficient Bond to be approved by the Grand Master, in the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars, payable to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, conditioned that he shall faithfully account for all moneys and effects of the Grand Council, that may come into his hands, and shall otherwise perform the duties of his office, as prescribed by the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Council."

and recommend its adoption, and that it be known as Article V of the By-Laws of the Grand Council.

Fraternally,
LEVI C. GOODALE,
GEORGE P. CONNER,
LEWIS M. LEA,
Committee.

Which, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

Your Committee also finds on page 65, same Proceedings, an amendment to Article I, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Council, viz:

"Insert after the word 'Council' in line eight of said Section, the following:

"Such Councils under Dispensation shall have all the rights and powers of regularly Constituted Councils, except, that of re-

ceiving and acting upon Petitions for Affiliation and of collecting dues from petitioners for the Dispensation who are members of consenting Councils."

and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally,

LEVI C. GOODALE,
GEORGE P. CONNER,
LEWIS M. LEA,

Committee.

Which, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

The Article as amended is as follows:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

"The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall have authority during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next Assembly of the Grand Council, such Councils under Dispensation shall have all the rights and powers of regular Constituted Councils, except, that of receiving and acting upon Petitions for Affiliation and of collecting dues from petitioners for the Dispensation who are members of consenting Councils.

PROVIDED, That the same fees as are required for a Charter shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder; and in all cases when such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make a report thereof at the next Stated Assembly of the Grand Council, and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation; or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a Charter; and in case a Charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same."

On motion, the amendments to the By-Laws and the Constitution, were unanimously adopted as a whole.

Cryptic Jurisprudence.

Companion Graff M. Acklin, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report of the Committee, which, was on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have given attention to that portion of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, which relates to Cincinnati Council No. 1 and its Charter, and we recommend that the following form of Charter be issued to said Cincinnati Council.

Fraternally submitted,

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
JEWETT PALMER,
J. H. BROMWELL,

Committee.

"FORM OF CHARTER FOR CINCINNATI COUNCIL NO 1."

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio assembled in the city of Springfield, Ohio, send fraternal greetings:

Whereas, By Warrant of Charter issued on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1827, Y. D. 2827, by Illustrious Companion John Barker, K. H. 33°, acting on behalf of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which then claimed and exercised jurisdiction over the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry, in the United States, certain Companions, Royal and Select Masons, to-wit: Robert Punshon, Robert T. Lytle, Joseph Jonas, Arva Wilson, William Wallace, Jebediah Banks, Elias Dudley, David Urner, Samuel Lovejoy, Francis Reed, Augustus D. Ehrich, Stephen Burrows, and William Green were, as such duly authorized to Assemble and to form themselves into a just and legal Council of Royal and Select Masters, under the name of Cincinnati Council No. 1 to be holden in Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, Said Companions in pursuance of the provisions of said Charter, and by virtue of its authority, organized and conducted said Council of Royal and Select Masters until the sixth day of January, A. D. 1830, Y. D. 2830, at which time the said Council, together with four other legally Chartered Councils, organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select of the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, Upon said Grand Council being organized, said Cincinnati Council No. 1 surrendered its Charter to said Grand Council; and

Whereas, Said Grand Council has not, to this time issued any new Charter to said Council in lieu of the original Charter so surrendered by it, said Council having continued to work under and by authority of said Grand Council, but without any Charter as evidence of such authority.

Now Therefore, By these presents, be it known that this Grand Council has, upon application therefor, Granted and Does Hereby Grant and Confirm unto the Companions who are now members in good standing of said Council and unto their successors, the rights and privileges of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, ratifying and confirming all and several the acts and doings of said Council since the organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

And Said Grand Council Does Authorize and Empower them and their Successors to Assemble and to Exercise all the Prerogatives of a Regularly Constituted and Legal Council of Royal and Select Masters in the city of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, and the state of Ohio, by the name, style and title of Cincinnati Council No. 1, holding rank from the 24th day of October, Y. D. 2827, A. D. 1827.

The following named Companions are hereby recognized as the three principal officers of said Council:

WILLIAM JOSEPH STRAUSS, Thrice Illustrious Master.

FRANK WALLACE HENDLEY, Deputy Illustrious Master.

GRENVILLE WEEKS WERDEN, Principal Conductor of the Work.

The said officers, their associate Companions, and their successors are hereby enjoined and required to conform strictly to the Constitution, General Regulation and Rules of this Grand Council and to the Constitution of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, under a penalty of a forfeiture of the Rights and Privileges hereby granted, for failure therein.

Given by the authority, and under the seal of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

And done at Springfield, Ohio, this 3rd day of October, Y. D. 2905, A. D. 1905.

NELSON WILLIAMS,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM A. SPILL,
R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master.
EDWARD H. ARCHER,
R. Ill. Grand Prin. Con. of Work.

[SEAL]

Attest:

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

Good of the Order.

Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on the Good of the Order respectfully report that our Grand Council yet occupies the proud position of having upon its rolls a greater number of Cryptic Masons than that of any other Grand Council in the United States.

That our Grand Council has more zealous, able and distinguished Companions than other Grand Councils is because there *are more of us.* We do not arrogate to ourselves a greater proportion of such Companions to our total membership than that of any other Grand Council.

Your Committee have carefully examined the reports of the inspecting officers referred to it, and find in them many evidences of prosperity, nearly every Council having conferred the degrees of our Rite during the year, and in a creditable manner.

But what is more gratifying, the reports of the inspecting officers also give evidence that harmony and good will exist among our Companions, and that they are actuated by an earnest desire to promote the welfare of their respective Councils.

That the official visits of our inspecting officers are in no small degree conducive to this encouraging condition of the Cryptic Rite in our state, is plainly apparent.

Your Committee therefore recommends the continuance of the system of annual inspections.

The General Grand Council of the United States of America of Royal and Select Masters will hold its next Triennial Assembly in the city of Boston, Mass., beginning June 18, 1906, and your Committee trust that this Grand Council may be represented by its Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, so that they may assist in the deliberations and legislation of the General Grand Council. Your Committee therefore recommend that the necessary expenses of said Grand Officers for such attendance be paid by this Grand Council.

Zealously and fraternally submitted,

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
J. M. GOODSPEED,
JOHN M. BRODRICK,
Committee.

Resolution of Companion Graff M. Acklin, for Representatives to the General Grand Council.

Resolved, That at each Triennial Assembly, this Grand Council pays the expenses of those Most Illustrious Grand Masters who were elected and presided over this Grand Body since the previous Assembly of the General Grand Council.

This on motion, was adopted.

Necrology-Obituary.

Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, reported, and asked leave to prepare the report and furnish the same to the Grand Recorder for the Printed Proceedings, which was consented to.

Charters and Dispensations.

Companion William T. McLean, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, and recommended its adoption.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg to report that all the books and papers in the applications made by Companions at Ironton, Piqua and Mansfield for Charters to establish Councils of Royal and Select Masters in those places have been carefully examined and found to conform to all the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Council, and to be neatly and correctly kept, and would recommend that Charters be granted to them under the following names, viz:

Ohio, No. 92 at Ironton.

Lafayette, No. 93 at Piqua.

Mansfield, No. 94 at Mansfield.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM T. MCLEAN,
WILLIAM B. ANDERSON,
JOHN F. LANE,
Committee.

Companion C. B. Jamison moved as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, that that portion of their report, recommending the Number 93, for Lafayette Council, be stricken out and the number 10 be inserted in the report, as the number for Lafayette Council at Piqua, restoring to them the number of the former Lafayette Council, whose Charter was surrendered to the Grand Council in the year 1873.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment, and it was declared lost.

A vote was then taken on the recommendation of the Committee, and their report was adopted.

Time and Place.

Companion H. N. P. Dole, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, which, was on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Time and Place respectfully report that we recommend that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the day preceding the Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio, in 1906, and at the same place as that in which said Convocation shall be held.

Fraternally submitted,
H. N. P. POLE,
W. G. WELLS,
J. B. TAGGART,
Committee.

Appointed Grand Officers.

Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain,
Companion REV. V. F. BROWN, Dayton.

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards,
Companion WARREN J. BAKER, Toledo.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council,
Companion CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Cleveland.

Illustrious Grand Steward,
Companion I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Pomeroy.

Illustrious Grand Sentinel,
Comp. HUGH V. OLNEY, Van Wert.

Jewel for the Retiring Grand Master.

Companion Levi C. Goodale offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to procure the usual Jewel, for presentation to our retiring Grand Master, and to present the same to him at some favorable opportunity.

The Grand Master-elect appointed Companions Levi C. Goodale, Jacob H. Bromwell and William B. Melish, said Committee.

Appointment of Chairman of the Obituary Committee.

On motion of Companion J. H. Bromwell, the Most Illustrious Grand Master was empowered to appoint the Chairman of the Obituary Committee for the ensuing year.

Whereupon Most Illustrious Grand Master-elect Companion William A. Spill duly appointed Illustrious Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, as the Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries.

Grand Representatives.

The Roll of the Grand Representatives was called by the Grand Recorder, and the following were present:

Arkansas,	Comp.	GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California,		
Connecticut,	"	EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado,	"	CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida,	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia,	"	HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois,	"	WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory,	"	GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana,	"	NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa,	"	WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Kansas,	"	GEORGE P. CONNER,
Kentucky,	"	LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana,		
Maine,	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,		
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
New Brunswick,		

Nebraska, ...	Comp.	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire, ...	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey, ...		
New York, ...	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
North Carolina, ...	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon, ...	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania, ...	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,.		
Vermont, ...	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina, ...	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee, ...		
Washington, ...	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin, ...	"	C. C. PARK.
England and Wales, . . .	"	MOSES H. LEVAGOOD.
Canada, ...	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council, . .	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

Annual Proceedings.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have the usual number of the Proceedings of this Assembly printed, and to distribute them as usual.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

With steady and unfaltering step we are marching toward the grave, and ere we are aware, the narrow house of clay will receive all that is mortal of us; even now, this old gray earth is wrinkled o'er with the graves of her children. "In the midst of life, we are in death."

Constantine with his sword, drew the outlines of a grave upon the ground and said, "In a few days this will be my empire," and the herald Saladin, by his own ordering, stood daily before him with shroud uplifted on a spear, saying, "This is the end of the glory of Saladin, the Great!"

Death is no respecter of persons:

"The tall, the wise, the reverend head,
Must lie as low as ours."

It was Voltaire who said, "Life is a vast ocean. We are all struggling for the shore. He who cries, 'There is no shore!' deprives me of strength, and I sink. But he who cries, 'I see the shore!' animates me with new courage to struggle on."

During the past year within our own jurisdiction, many familiar faces have passed from view,—but is it not for a time only? Many have outstripped us on the voyage of life's ocean —but do they not await us on the immortal shore? Man was made for two worlds, and as I listen I hear one greater than man say, as He stands with the sorrowing and dying of earth, "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die." Not only have many from our own jurisdiction passed away, but some who have served the craft with distinction, and brought honors to Masonry, and who have been honored by Masonry, have been called from labor to refreshment, and left the unfinished designs upon the trestle-board. We note briefly the following:

MISSOURI.

Thomas Elwood Garrett departed this life June 29, 1905, after an earthly sojourn of almost eighty years. Companion Garrett entered the fraternity of Free Masons in St. Louis, 1861, and devoted more than forty years of his life to its advancement. R. Ill. Comp. Garrett was honored with the office of Grand Master in 1870 and 1871, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in 1865, and President of the Grand Convention of High Priests from 1868. He was the oldest living Past Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in Missouri. The vows of Knighthood he took in 1862, and in 1868 was crowned an honorary 33 degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. But now his labors are finished, and the working tools have fallen from his hands, and while his body rests in mother earth, his spirit has returned to God who gave it.

KANSAS.

One of the pioneers of Masonry in Kansas has been removed in the person of R. Ill. Comp. Jacob D. Rush, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas. Comp. Rush was born in Indiana in 1840, and at the age of twenty-five removed to Leavenworth, Kansas. His Masonic record extends over a period of two score years. Always enthusiastic in the work, his very presence was a great inspiration to the Companions.

COLORADO.

Most keenly does the order throughout the Centennial state feel its loss in what seems to them, the untimely death of R. Ill. Past Grand Master Colvin Edgar Reed. He was the first of the Past Grand Masters of the state to go to his reward. At the time of his death, he occupied the office of Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. He it was who was one of the most active spirits in the formation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the state, some ten years ago.

KENTUCKY.

After a Masonic experience of more than forty years, R. Ill. Comp. William Ryan, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, ceased his labors November 13, 1904, at the advanced age of seventy-six. Companion Ryan had received all the degrees not only in York Rite Masonry, but in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having been crowned Honorary Inspector General 33° in 1879. He was especially proficient in the monitorial work in both branches, seldom using ritual or note. He is credited with having conferred more Masonic degrees and participated in more Masonic ceremonies than any other Mason in the state.

IOWA.

Cryptic Masonry in Iowa suffered a great loss in the death of R. Ill. Comp. Almon R. Dewey, Grand Past Master. It was his high and unusual honor to have presided over all the Masonic

Grand bodies of the state, and for more than thirty years was active and aggressive in them all. "In the beautiful cemetery adjoining the city of Washington, he sleeps under God's Arch of Blue," having passed away April 15, 1905.

MICHIGAN.

Past Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. Byron C. Hill, answered the summons of the Grand Architect of the universe, April 15, 1905, at the early age of fifty-four. His service to Cryptic Masonry dates from 1891. He became one of the Grand Officers in 1898, steadily climbing the round of offices until he reached that of Most Ill. Grand Master in 1902.

Michigan also suffered in the death of R. Ill. Comp. Lewis C. Goodrich, Grand Lecturer for the state, to which office he had been elected in 1896, and in which he served until the day of his death, August 1905.

NEBRASKA.

With Masonic honors, the remains of R. Ill. Comp. Robert Wilkinson Furnas, Most Ill. Grand Master, were laid to rest in June, 1905. For quite three years he served the craft with distinction in the capacity of Grand Master. Comp. Furnas was a Buckeye by birth, having been born in Miami Co., O., 1824, and received his Council degrees in Franklin Council at Troy, Ohio. Was a charter member and T. I. M. of Furnas Council No. 3 at Brownville, Neb. For two terms he served his state as Chief Executive, and bore an honorable part in the Civil War, having been commissioned a Colonel in the regular army by President Lincoln.

INDIANA.

In the 82nd year of his age, R. Ill. Comp. Past Grand Master William W. Austin of Ind. passed to his reward, April 25, 1905, having been a Mason for more than fifty years, and a R. & S. M. for forty-eight years. Faithfully and efficiently did he serve the Order in every department thereof, and the Companions of Indiana most keenly feel his taking off.

OREGON.

R. Ill. Comp. Seymour Chapman, Grand Master of Oregon, ceased his labors December 25, 1904, at the age of seventy-two. "In moral tone, fidelity to dutv, strict integrity and truth, his career constitutes a bright example, worthy of admiration and emulation." Peace to his ashes.

CONNECTICUT.

Cryptic Masonry in the Nutmeg State with keen sorrow and a sense of deep loss, records the death of two of her Most Ill. Past Grand Masters, R. Ill. Comp. Edward Ernest West, and R. Ill. Comp. Charles N. Jones. They were devoted and zealous Companions, and their memory will long be cherished by the Craft in the jurisdiction where they were so well known and wrought so faithfully.

In compliance therefor with the time honored custom in our Masonic Bodies, your Committee on Obituaries herewith concludes its labors and submits its report, comforted in the thought that,

"The grave can naught destroy,
Only the flesh can die,
And e'en the body triumps o'er decay;
Clothed by thy wondrous might
In robes of dazzling light,
This flesh shall burst the grave at that last day."

V. F. BROWN, Chairman of Com.
J. S. GILDARD,
A. E. CULTER.

REUBEN C. LEMMON.

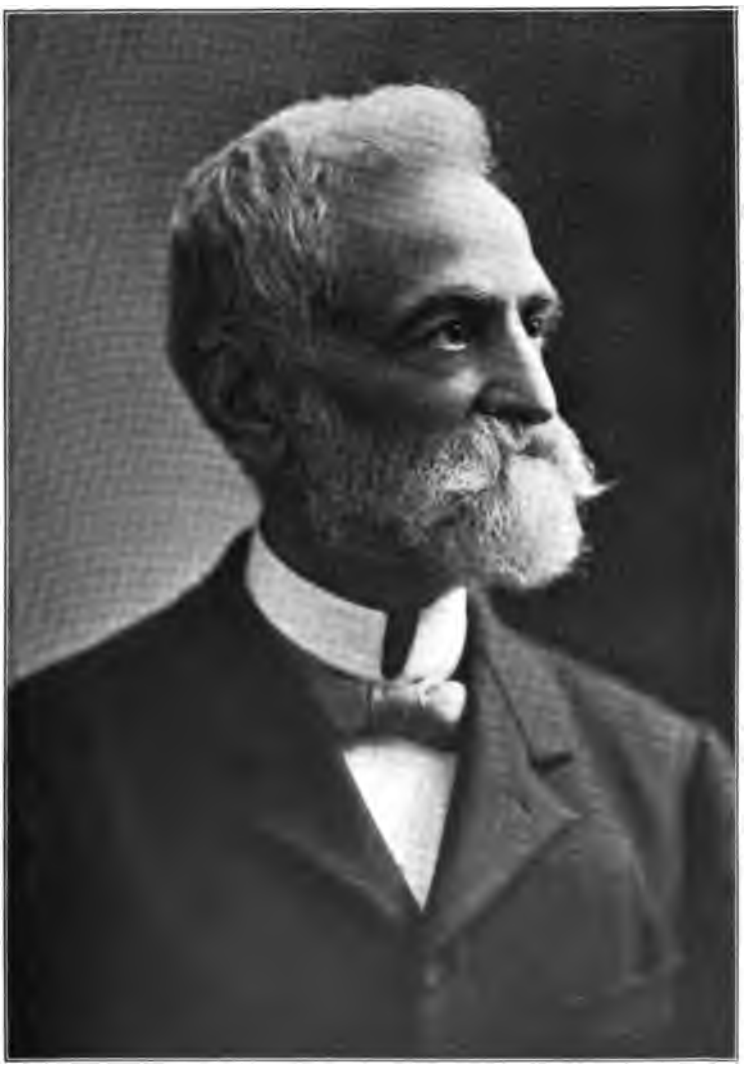
Born May 12th, 1825—Died September 6th, 1905.

After a pilgrimage of four score years our highly revered and beloved Brother and Companion, Reuben C. Lemmon, has answered the inevitable summons of the Grim Reaper, and is resting from his labors. It is to be greatly regretted that one who was so richly endowed with all the accomplishments that go to make a true and courteous gentleman, and a loyal, sincere and faithful friend and brother, should be called from earth and earthly associations, even at so ripe an age. The world is always better because such men live, and their going hence must leave a void ever difficult to fill.

Most Excellent Companion Lemmon was born in Seneca County, New York, on May 12th, 1825, and came west and located in the city of Toledo in the year 1853, and died in said city on September 6th, 1905.

He was made a Master Mason in Toledo Lodge No. 144 F. and A. M. on November 17th, 1855; a Royal Arch Mason in Fort Maigs Chapter No. 29 on July 28th, 1857; a Royal and Select Master in Toledo Council No. 33 on January 15th, 1858; and was created a Knight Templar in Toledo Commandery No. 7 on February 5th, 1858. He received the 32nd Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in February, 1875, and was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council of that Rite in 1890. In 1874 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio and was re-elected for three successive years. In 1879 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio and was re-elected in 1880. In 1886 and 1887 he was the Most Excellent President of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, and in 1897 he was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the United States.

In civil life he was a lawyer by profession and served for twenty years as Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Lucas County, Ohio, where he displayed marked ability, and knowledge of the law, as well as a thorough comprehension of the rules of equity and their proper application.



REUBEN C. LEMMON,

M. W. Past Grand Master Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio; M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Ohio; M. Ex. Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M., U. S. A.

In private life he was an exemplary man. He really seemed to enjoy life to its fullest extent and God granted him many years in which to enjoy it. He was a man of splendid social powers; there was a genial magnetism in his presence and a frankness and openness of manner that attracted men to him. He was a man of sound discretion and clear discernment; was a store-house of good common sense and had great honesty of purpose. Guided by his high sense of justice, his reasoning faculties rarely failed him in the attainment of what he conscientiously believed to be the right. While he was not an orator and did not possess those graces of oratory which captivate and conquer public assemblies of men, yet, he had a faculty of putting his thoughts into compact expression and uttering his ideas with a force and clearness which carried conviction.

With these admirable endowments were blended the kindlier affections and feelings of the heart that endeared him to those who knew him, and made him within the pale of our Fraternity the loved Brother and Companion, and in private life the excellent citizen, the affectionate husband and father and devoted friend. He was ever kind to young men and the beacon light of his Masonic intelligence has guided many a young and inexperienced Mason over the shoals of uncertainty, who otherwise would have gone down in embarrassment and distress.

But he has gone from us forever. His tall familiar form, his happy face and genial smile will no more be seen, and his gentle voice will no more be heard on earth. In his death the State and the community in which he lived have lost one of their most honored and valued citizens and our Fraternity one of her brightest, purest and most faithful members; but, with a knowledge of the splendid record he has made in his long pilgrimage of life, and the honor, esteem and satisfaction which have crowned his efforts here, we must all feel assured that in calling him from labor to refreshment, the Almighty has provided for him an abiding place in a Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, Friend—Farewell!

NELSON WILLIAMS.

IN MEMORIAM

THIS PAGE

By Order of the Grand Council of Royal and

Select Masters of Ohio,

IS

Fraternally Dedicated, and set apart to the

Beloved Memory of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER JURISDICTIONS

who have died during the years

1904 and 1905.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the Memory of Ninety-Three Companions Whose Deaths are Reported in the Returns of July 31st, A. D. 1905.

SAMUEL BIRSE HALL	September 19, 1904.	Cincinnati,	No.	1
LOUIS H. LOEWENSTEIN	November 16, 1904.	"	"	1
W. W. MORGAN	February 14, 1905.	Union	"	2
GEORGE L. EMMELL	February 27, 1905.	Chillicothe	"	4
JOHN C. ENTREKIN JR.	December 27, 1904.	"	"	4
JOHN C. ENTREKIN	April 26, 1905.	"	"	4
FRANK L. BECKEL	June 2, 1905.	Bigelow	"	7
WILLIAM H. VANATTA	August 13, 1904.	"	"	7
REEZAN W. BELL	February 18, 1905.	Columbus	"	8
JOSEPH H. DUNN	June 28, 1905.	"	"	8
JAMES W. FLEMING	November 10, 1904.	"	"	8
FRANK W. MERRICK	September 26, 1904.	"	"	8
ALLEN E. SELLS	September 26, 1904.	"	"	8
PETER SELLS	October 5, 1904.	"	"	8
JOHN H. SHARP	July 24, 1905.	"	"	8
ORION DODDS	September 14, 1904.	Reese	"	9
CHARLES C. FRANCISCO	March 29, 1905.	"	"	9
HENRY MILLER	January 29, 1905.	"	"	9
GEORGE E. SIEBLER	April 15, 1905.	"	"	9
JOHN W. TYLER	January 14, 1905.	"	"	9
EUGENE CHATELAIN	May 5, 1905.	Wooster	"	13
JOSEPH P. VAN NEST	April 23, 1905.	"	"	13
J. K. FOGEL	April 22, 1905.	Franklin	"	14
A. M. LINK	January 3, 1905.	"	"	14
W. J. PETERS	———1904.	"	"	14
H. Y. RUSH	———1905.	"	"	14
GEORGE F. IRWIN	April 24, 1905.	"	"	14
BREWSTER OWEN HIGLEY	April 3, 1905.	Athens	"	15
WILLIM H. LEWIS	October 11, 1904.	"	"	15
JOHN H. MACKERLY	September 3, 1904.	Hillsboro	"	16
PHILLIP H. WORK	January 13, 1905.	"	"	16
ISREAL H. KELLY	July 23, 1905.	Springfield	"	17
WALTER C. POWELL	October 28, 1904.	"	"	17
WILLIAM S. THOMPSON	February 14, 1905.	"	"	17
CONRAD BESOLD	November 8, 1904.	Hamilton	"	19
SANFORD A. CARTER	February 4, 1905.	Lima	"	20
PHILIP DOMBAUGH	October 5, 1904.	Marion	"	22
JAMES H. GOODBREAD	May 17, 1905.	"	"	22
UPTON K. GUTHREY	July 2, 1905.	"	"	22
JAMES P. REED	November 3, 1904.	"	"	22
HASEY G. THOMAS	April 13, 1905.	"	"	22
GILBERT E. HARRIS	April 15, 1905.	Sandusky City	"	26
LINN W. HULL	May 27, 1905.	"	"	26
ISAAC F. CHAPMAN	May 28, 1905.	Moriah	"	32

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM B. FULLER	March 3, 1905	Moriah	No.	32
JOHN AMES, JR	May 24, 1905	Toledo	"	33
HENRY H. BRUGGSMEIER	———1905	"	"	33
O. B. CLARK	September 30, 1904.	"	"	33
HENRY CRATZ	July 25, 1905	"	"	33
SELAH R. MAC CAREN	January 24, 1905	"	"	33
DENNIS MALONEY	May 26, 1905	"	"	33
JOHN V. SHOEMAKER	March 25, 1905	"	"	33
HERMAN ECKHARDT	October 4, 1904	Canton	"	35
GENIO D. CLARK	June 21, 1905	Cleveland	"	36
DANIEL H. MALONEY	July 2, 1905	"	"	36
JESSE NEWMAN SQUIRE	January 28, 1905	"	"	36
HENRY C. WHITE	January 15, 1905	"	"	36
CHARLES M. BOWLBY	October 11, 1904	Hock-Hocking	"	39
N. FREDERICKS	April 7, 1905	Conneaut	"	40
JAMES H. HYSELL	May 10, 1905	Bosworth	"	46
RUSSELL L. KNAPP	June 6, 1905	Clinton	"	47
ALFRED LAKE	October 22, 1904	Belmont	"	54
JOHN P. SPRIGGS	May 11, 1905	"	"	54
ARAM VIERS	February 21, 1905	Oc-co-nox-ee	"	55
WILLIAM A. BOVEY	September 10, 1905	Gebal	"	56
A. T. VAUGHAN	December 22, 1904	"	"	56
JOHN L. KRIMMEL	February 19, 1905	Tyrian	"	60
GEORGE R. MOFFATT	March 19, 1905	"	"	60
WILLIAM JACKSON	February 9, 1905	Fremont	"	64
WILLIAM T. LYLE	July 17, 1905	"	"	64
J. C. MITZGER	January 21, 1905	"	"	64
GEORGE H. WITHEY	July 1, 1905	"	"	64
SAMUEL P. ARMSTRONG	June 3, 1905	Kenton	"	65
BARNEY GULLUM	January 22, 1905	Trowel	"	71
NATHAN LOWENSTEIN	June 2, 1905	"	"	71
ORIN J. CONNER	April 5, 1905	Van Wert	"	73
JOHN M. TRYON	October 15, 1904	"	"	73
SAMUEL W. PASCOE	August 23, 1904	New Lexington	"	75
OWEN B. REAM	September 8, 1904	"	"	75
JOHN B. BEARDSLEY	October 23, 1904	Kinsman	"	76
EVERT BOGARDUS	March 31, 1905	"	"	76
CLARENCE A. FOSS	July 5, 1905	"	"	76
JOSEPH B. STAUFFER	February 12, 1905	"	"	76
WILLIAM A. CONNOLLEY	August 12, 1904	Solomon	"	79
WILLIAM C. JACOBS	July 8, 1905	Akron	"	80
ALBERT A. SARGENT	December 11, 1904	"	"	80
F. E. KOLTER	December 27, 1904	St. Marys	"	81
M. R. HACKEDOM	November 16, 1904	Gwynn	"	83
CHARLES W. KNIGHT	August 30, 1904	Delaware	"	84
WILLIAM O. SEMANS	October 15, 1904	"	"	84
GEORGE E. MORGAN	December 17, 1904	Bellaire	"	87
JAMES H. P. JEFFRIES	April 9, 1905	Lancaster	"	88
A. C. MCCLAIN	May 1, 1905	Fostoria	"	90

Installation of Grand Officers.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were presented by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, William T. McLean, acting as Grand Marshal, to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, John F. Lane, and were installed in Ample Form and Proclamation made.

No further business claiming the attention of the Grand Council, the Grand Recorder read the records, which were approved.

After devotional exercises by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters closed its Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly, to meet in the city of Columbus, on the first Tuesday in October, (the 2nd), A. D. 1906, Y. D. 2906, the day preceding the Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

William A. Spill.

M. Ill. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. C. Grand,

R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

Organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

At a convention at Worthington, Ohio, January 6th, 1830, delegates from Councils at Cincinnati, Steubenville, Granville, Lancaster and Chillicothe, organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Companion Robert T. Lytle, of Cincinnati, in the Chair and Companion William J. Reese, of Lancaster, Secretary.

Assembly	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Principal Conductor of Work	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Place of Meeting	Date.
1st	Rev. Robt. Punchon.	Samuel Stockeley	James Gates	Robt. T. Lytle	William J. Reese	Worthington	Jan. 6, 1830
2nd	"	Wm. Gwynn	William J. Reese	John Noble	James D. Caldwell	Columbus	Jan. 6, 1831
3rd	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1832
4th	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1833
5th	Wm. J. Reese	Henry Sage	William Y. Emmitt	"	"	Columbus	Jan. 9, 1834
6th	"	Samuel Stockeley	George C. Gephart	"	"	"	Jan. 8, 1835
7th	"	Samuel Reed	"	"	"	"	Jan. 7, 1836
8th	"	"	"	"	"	Lancaster	June 23, 1837
9th	Wm. B. Thrall	James Gates	Arthur C. Davis	George Meyers	"	"	June 21, 1838
10th	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 18, 1839
11th	"	Wm. Hunter	Phiny M. Crume	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1840
12th	"	Isaac C. Copelen	Adam J. Leslie	"	"	"	Oct. 21, 1841
13th	"	George D. Hine	A. S. Sanford	"	"	"	Oct. 20, 1842
14th	John W. Milligan	George C. Gephart	Joseph Hildreth	Isaac C. Copelen	"	"	Oct. 24, 1843
15th	"	"	Absalom Death	"	Benjamin F. Smith	Columbus	Oct. 25, 1844
16th	"	Joseph Hildreth	George L. Shinnick	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1845
17th	Absalom Death	Kimball Porter	M. Z. Kreider	"	"	Dayton	Oct. 22, 1846
18th	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus	Sept. 16, 1847
19th	"	George L. Shinnick	Jonas Ward	"	"	"	Sept. 28, 1848
20th	William B. Dodd	Samuel H. Bancroft	"	"	"	Steubenville	Oct. 18, 1849
21st	"	George L. Shinnick	John M. Barrere	"	"	Cincinnati	Oct. 17, 1850
22nd	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1851
23rd	John M. Barrere	Thomas Orr	F. J. Phillips	"	John D. Caldwell	Chillicothe	Oct. 21, 1852
24th	"	Samuel B. Pruden	J. W. Kennedy	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1853
25th	"	"	Gottlieb Steinman	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1854
26th	"	George Keifer	"	"	"	Mansfield	Oct. 18, 1855
27th	"	"	Joseph Hildreth	"	"	Zanesville	Oct. 16, 1856
28th	John M. Parks	"	Charles C. Kiefer	"	"	Massillon	Oct. 15, 1857
29th	"	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	"	"	Columbus	Oct. 14, 1858
30th	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 14, 1859
31st	Charles C. Kiefer	Jacob Y. Cantwell	Stith M. Sullivan	"	"	"	Oct. 11, 1860
32nd	"	James S. Reeves	"	"	"	"	Oct. 10, 1861
33rd	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	William F. Hills	Flavius J. Phillips	"	"	Oct. 15, 1862
34th	Timothy B. Fisher	W. M. Cunningham	Charles Brown	"	"	"	Oct. 15, 1863

35th.	Wm. M. Cunningham.	Isaac Robertson.....	Henry H. Wagoner...	Flavius J. Phillips.	John D. Caldwell..	Cleveland...	Oct. 13, 1864
36th.	"	" "	" "	"	"	Columbus...	Sept. 5, 1865
37th.	"	Joseph R. Conrad....	Edgar A. Hopkins....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct. 11, 1866
38th.	Charles Brown.....	"	Calvin Halladay.....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct. 10, 1867
39th.	"	"	"	"	"	Dayton.....	Oct. 16, 1868
40th.	Joseph R. Conrad.....	Calvin Halladay.....	Henry Theobald.....	"	"	Cleveland...	Oct. 15, 1869
41st.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept. 13, 1870
42nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky...	Sept. 26, 1871
43rd.	"	Peter L. Wilson.....	John M. Benjamin....	"	"	Columbus...	Oct. 1, 1872
44th.	Henry Theobald.....	"	O. A. B. Senter.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept. 2, 1873
45th.	"	S. W. Courtright.....	"	"	"	Dayton.....	Sept. 9, 1874
46th.	S. W. Courtright.....	Orestes A. B. Senter..	Henry Newbegin.....	"	"	Put-in-Bay...	Sept. 8, 1875
47th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Aug. 30, 1876
48th.	"	"	Stith M. Sullivan.....	"	"	Cleveland ..	Aug. 29, 1877
49th.	O. A. B. Senter.....	Stith M. Sullivan.....	Jos. M. Goodspeed....	Samuel B. Evans..	"	Columbus...	Oct. 10, 1878
50th.	"	"	"	"	"	Akron.....	Oct. 16, 1879
51st.	Joseph M. Goodspeed.	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	"	"	Chillicothe..	Oct. 14, 1880
52nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept. 21, 1881
53rd.	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	"	"	Newark.....	Sept. 20, 1882
54th.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky...	Oct. 11, 1883
55th.	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride...	"	"	Tiffin.....	Sept. 16, 1884
56th.	"	"	"	"	"	Cleveland...	Oct. 6, 1885
57th.	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride...	Graff M. Acklin.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct. 7, 1886
58th.	"	"	"	"	"	Steubenville.	Oct. 5, 1887
59th.	George D. McBride....	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	"	"	Springfield..	Oct. 2, 1888
60th.	"	"	"	"	"	Findlay.....	Sept. 10, 1889
61st.	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	Lewis M. Lea.....	"	"	Marion.....	Sept. 23, 1890
62nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct. 6, 1891
63rd.	Edwin Morrell	Lewis M. Lea.....	John S. White.....	"	William E. Evans.	Zanesville...	Sept. 27, 1892
64th.	"	"	"	"	"	Marietta.....	Sept. 26, 1893
65th.	Lewis M. Lea.....	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	"	"	Columbus...	Sept. 18, 1894
66th.	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	"	"	Cleveland...	Sept. 10, 1895
67th.	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison....	"	"	Sandusky...	Oct. 6, 1896
68th.	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean.....	"	"	Springfield..	Sept. 28, 1897
69th.	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean.....	Wm. B. Anderson....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept. 27, 1898
70th.	Wm. T. McLean.....	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland..	"	"	Cleveland....	Sept. 26, 1899
71st.	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland..	Jewett Palmer.....	"	"	Columbus...	Oct. 9, 1900
72nd.	Geo. D. Copeland.....	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept. 24, 1901
73rd.	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Henry True.....	"	Lima.....	Sept. 23, 1902
74th.	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Wm. A. Spill.....	"	"	Akron.....	Oct. 13, 1903
75th.	Nelson Williams.....	William A. Spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	"	"	Columbus....	Oct. 4, 1904
76th.	William A. Spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	Milton B. Dickerson..	"	"	Springfield..	Oct. 3, 1905

Analysis of Subordinate Returns to Grand Recorder, October 4th, 1904.

Number.	NAME OF COUNCIL.	No. Members 1904.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended Un. M. C.	Expelled.	No. Members 1904.	Cash Received.	TH. ILL. MASTER.	RECORDER.
1	Cincinnati	221	11	....	1	....	2	1	....	....	230	$ 121 00	W. J. Strauss	Jos. Kirkup.
2	Union	113	19	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	131	75 00	J. R. Sweeney	H. R. Linton.
4	Chillicothe	185	15	....	....	1	3	....	....	....	196	105 50	A. E. Culter	J. W. Best.
7	Bigelow	184	21	1	1	1	2	3	....	....	201	111 50	A. L. Rawlings	A. P. Taylor.
8	Columbus	497	18	1	....	....	7	....	....	....	509	283 50	B. O. Brown	W. E. Joseph.
9	Reese	402	43	....	....	1	5	3	....	....	436	269 50	John Cissna	C. D. Kidd.
12	Zanesville	151	15	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	164	89 00	R. H. McFarland	H. H. Philo.
			* 1											
13	Wooster	56	7	....	....	1	2	3	....	....	58	33 00	G. J. Schwartz	J. B. Minier.
14	Franklin	96	12	....	....	1	5	1	....	....	101	56 50	Walter G. Wells	E. M. Faulkner.
15	Athens	95	6	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	100	54 00	B. A. Headly	J. A. Palmer.
			* 1											
16	Hillsboro	58	7	....	1	....	2	1	....	....	64	36 50	Geo. L. Garrett	C. W. Anderson.
17	Springfield	220	14	....	....	1	3	1	2	....	227	120 50	C. A. Schuster	O. H. Anderson.
19	Hamilton	98	11	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	106	58 50	F. B. Edmands	W. A. Seward.
20	Lima	121	7	....	12	1	1	5	....	....	130	85 50	Geo. B. Conner	Wallace Landis.
22	Marion	216	21	1	2	....	5	2	....	....	233	129 00	Hays Thompson	George S. McGuire.
24	Norwalk	45	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	46	23 50	C. N. Frazier	J. H. Gross.
26	Sandusky City	164	12	....	....	5	2	2	....	....	167	89 50	John Traub	J. D. Lea.
32	Moriah	83	....	1	....	....	2	1	....	....	81	40 50	G. W. C. Poore	John C. Vanden.
33	Toledo	438	21	....	3	3	7	7	....	....	445	284 50	H. A. Lavey	E. W. Rastell.
			* 2											
35	Canton	160	16	....	1	1	1	7	....	....	170	94 50	Chas. Dickerhof	Chas. Silverman.
36	Cleveland	564	43	2	1	4	4	4	....	....	598	323 00	Jno K. Corwin	H. E. Morrison.
39	Hockhocking	56	9	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	63	36 00	A. W. Mauk	Chas. W. James.
			* 2											
40	Conneaut	158	51	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	208	130 50	H. S. Schalk	H. D. Prosser.
41	London	34	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	19 00	C. E. Arbuckle	Geo. W. Clark.
44	Omega	112	19	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	133	77 50	J. G. Augustine	C. G. Snyder.
46	Bosworth	62	5	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	67	42 50	Frank E. Bolton	Geo. H. Parker.
47	Clinton	80	4	....	....	17	1	....	....	....	75	39 50	Asa M. Hart	Arthur H. Unger.
50	Findlay	77	11	....	....	2	....	3	....	....	83	47 00	John Gore	D. L. Grable.
54	Belmont	47	2	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	48	25 00	C. W. Carroll	J. B. Meyer.
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	113	18	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	130	74 00	R. T. Whitaker	F. J. Papenhagan.
56	Gebal	121	4	....	1	1	2	17	....	....	106	56 00	L. F. Romig	L. E. Everett.

58	Warren	172	18	2						192	105 00	J. S. Gildard	W. A. Spill.
59	Urbana	86	5		1	1		8		88	44 50	E. E. Cheney	J. S. Merrill.
60	Tyrian	79	6				2			88	44 50	R. A. Brown	S. R. Bolin.
64	Fremont	79	8			1	4			82	45 00	W. S. Lewis	H. S. Dorr.
65	Kenton	116	9		5	1	1			128	71 00	John Wilson	B. L. Thompson.
68	Wauseon	102	9			1		3		107	58 00	G. B. Tuthill	F. W. Moyer.
69	Putnam	100	7			2				105	58 00	S. F. DeFord	Jno T. Maidlow.
70	Sidney	85	3			2		2		84	42 50	A. W. Reddish	W. R. Blake.
71	Trowel	118	9				2	3		122	65 50	H. C. Murfin	W. H. Sloan.
72	Delphos	54		2		1				55	27 50	J. H. Cowden	J. E. Fast.
73	Van Wert	120	13				2	1		130	71 50	H. V. Olney	I. H. Malick.
74	Guernsey	64	5			1				68	36 50	Jno. W. Barton	W. S. Campbell.
75	New Lexington	76	14		2	2	2			88	55 50	H. F. Acker	Jas. F. McMahon.
76	Kinsman	131	10	1			4			138	74 00	Robt. M. Greer	Sam'l H. Peterman.
77	Wyoming	51	8		1	1		7		52	30 50	H. Ruckelshausen	Leslie Webb.
78	Marietta	133	7	1				5	1	135	71 00	W. J. Kirkwood	A. W. Tompkins.
79	Solomon	86	16		1	1	1			101	59 50	A. J. Fuller	Geo. Padan.
80	Akron	96	16			1	2			109	62 50	A. H. Price	W. E. Waugh.
81	St. Marys	73	4		2	1	1			77	41 50	V. Bodey	H. E. Henderson.
82	Bellevue	69	2					1		70	36 00	Frank P. Hale	Chas. Matz.
83	Gwynn	104	22			1	1	1		128	72 00	R. V. Vaughan	D. W. Locke.
84	Delaware	80	12	1			2	1		90	51 00	Jno B. Taggart	Wm. M. Semans.
85	Logan	84	11							95	53 00	W. E. Sloan	W. W. Marshall.
86	Elyria	79	8					2		85	46 50	C. H. Loughry	Geo. H. Mapes.
87	Bellaire	59	19				1			77	48 00	T. M. Roseberry	Will Daugherty.
88	Lancaster	82	7			1	1			87	47 00	F. L. Mauger	C. W. Matthews.
89	S. S. Jewell	29	3			1				31	17 00	J. M. Brodrick	C. S. Hamilton.
90	Fostoria	59	7	1			1			66	36 50	B. B. Campbell	C. E. Davis.
91	Matchette	28	4							32	18 00	J. I. Allread	G. A. Katzenberger.
U D	Ohio		24	12						36	30 00	J. D. Foster	A. Robinson.
U D	LaFayette		55	11						66	57 50	W. H. Swift	J. R. Miles.
U D	Mansfield		39	14						53	39 00	F. H. Marquis	H. M. Alvord.
	Totals	7,590	880	53	40	64	98	101	3	8,252	$ 4574 50		
U D	Lafayette										50 00	Dispensation Fee.	
U D	Mansfield										50 00	Dispensation Fee.	
18	Wooster										31 00	Grand Dues, due July 31, 1904.	
									Total		$ 4705 50		

*Omitted last year.

RECAPITULATION.

Membership July 31, 1904	7,590	DEDUCT.	
Advanced to July 31, 1905	880	Withdrawn	64
Admitted to July 31, 1905	53	Died	98
Reinstated to July 31, 1905	40	Suspended, *N. P. D.*	101
		Suspended Un. Mas. Conduct	8
Total	8,513	Total	261

Membership, July 31, 1904—8,252.
Net gain over 1904 of 662.

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, October 3rd, 1905

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
1	Cincinnati	Walnut Hills	Hamilton	80	$ 6 40	$ 3 00	$ 9 40	Frank W. Hindly.
2	Union	Steubenville	Jefferson	195	15 60	3 00	18 60	J. R. Sweeney.
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Ross	69	5 52	3 00	8 52	A. E. Culter.
7	Bigelow	Newark	Licking	78	6 24	3 00	9 24	A. L. Rawlings.
8	Columbus	Columbus	Franklin	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	H. N. Dole.
9	Reese	Dayton	Montgomery	21				
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	Muskingum	104	8 32	3 00	11 32	R. H. McFarland.
13	Wooster	Wooster	Wayne	139	11 12	3 00	14 12	John Stevens, Jr.
14	Franklin	Troy	Miami	25	2 00	3 00	5 00	W. G. Wells.
15	Athens	Athens	Athens	121	9 68	3 00	12 68	B. A. Headly.
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Highland	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	Geo. W. Barrere.
17	Springfield	Springfield	Clarke			3 00	3 00	C. A. Schuster.
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	Butler	55	4 40	3 00	7 40	C. C. Falk.
20	Lima	Lima	Allen	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	Geo. P. Conner.
22	Marion	Marion	Marion	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	H. Thompson.
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Huron	125	10 00	3 00	13 00	C. N. Frazier.
28	Sandusky City	Sandusky	Erie	131	10 48	3 00	13 48	H. H. Squire.
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Gallia	160	12 80	3 00	15 80	G. W. C. Poore.
33	Toledo	Toledo	Lucas	131	10 48	3 00	13 48	H. A. Lavey.
35	Canton	Canton	Stark	170	13 60	3 00	16 60	Chas. Dickerhof.
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cuyahago	164	13 12	3 00	16 12	Jno K. Corwin.
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Hocking	95	7 60	3 00	10 60	A. W. Mauk.
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	Ashtabula	282	18 56	3 00	21 56	H. S. Schalk.
41	London	London	Madison	20				
44	Omega	Salem	Columbiana	200	16	3 00	19 00	John G. Augustine.
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	Meigs	176	14 08	3 00	17 08	F. E. Bolton.
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Seneca	97	7 76	3 00	10 76	C. C. Park.
50	Findlay	Findlay	Hancock	85	6 80	3 00	9 80	John Gore.
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Belmont	184	14 72	3 00	17 72	George Bumgarner.
55	Occonoxee	Defiance	Defiance	122	9 76	3 00	12 76	August M. Minsell.
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	Tuscarawas	144	11 52	3 00	14 52	C. U. Patterson.
58	Warren	Warren	Trumbull	207	16 56	3 00	19 56	J. S. Gildard.

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio—Continued.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
59	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign	15	1 20	3 00	4 20	E. E. Cheney.
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Pickaway	68	5 04	3 00	8 04	R. A. Brown.
64	Fremont	Fremont	Sandusky	116	9 28	3 00	12 28	W. S. Lewis.
65	Kenton	Kenton	Hardin	57	4 56	3 00	7 56	John Wilson.
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	Fulton	156	12 48	3 00	15 48	Guy B. Tuthill.
69	Putnam	Ottawa	Putnam	82	6 56	3 00	9 56	S. F. DeFord.
70	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	41	3 28	3 00	6 28	A. W. Reddish.
71	Trowel	Jackson	Jackson	110	8 80	3 00	11 80	Frank Crumit.
72	Delphos	Delphos	Van Wert	77	6 16	3 00	9 16	J. H. Cowden.
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	Van Wert	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. V. Onley.
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	Guernsey	120	[illegible]			
75	New Lexington	New Lexington	Perry	98	7 84	3 00	10 84	H. F. Acker.
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	Knox	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	Robert M. Greer.
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	Hamilton	80	6 40	3 00	9 40	W. H. Connor.
78	Marietta	Marietta	Washington	159	12 72	3 00	15 72	R. B. Hanna.
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	Scioto	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	J. P. Purdum.
80	Akron	Akron	Summitt	164	13 12	3 00	16 12	H. T. Budd.
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	Auglaize	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	V. Bodey.
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Huron	113	9 04	3 00	12 04	Frank P. Hale.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	Crawford	80	6 40	3 00	9 40	R. V. Vaughan.
84	Delaware	Delaware	Delaware	50	4	3 00	7 00	J. B. Taggart.
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Logan	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	W. E. Sloan.
86	Elyria	Elyria	Lorain	146	11 68	3 00	14 68	Clark H. Loughey.
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	Belmont	182	14 56	3 00	17 56	W. G. Geissen.
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	Fairfield	104	8 32	3 00	11 32	Fred L. Mauger.
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	Union	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	John M. Brodrick.
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	Seneca	96	7 68	3 00	10 68	B. B. Campbell.
91	Matchette	Greenville	Darke	55				
	Total			6,393	$ 479 52	$ 168 00	$ 647 52	

PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

NAME	TITLE.	LOCATION.	MILES.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM PAID.
Nelson Williams	M. Ill. G. M	Hamilton	55	$ 4 40	$ 6 00	$ 10 40	Nelson Williams.
Wm. A. Spill	R. Ill. Dep. G. M	Warren	207	16 56	3 00	19 56	Wm. A. Spill.
Ed. H. Archer	R. Ill. G. P. C. of W	Columbus	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	E. H. Archer.
Henry True	R. Ill. Gr. Treas.	Marion	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	Henry True.
Wm. E. Evans	R. Ill. Gr. Recorder	Chillicothe	69	5 52	6 00	11 52	Wm. E. Evans.
Rev. V. F. Brown	R. Ill. Gr. Chaplain	Dayton	21	1 68	3 00	4 68	V. F. Brown.
M. B. Dickerson	Ill. Gr. C. of Guards	Marion	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	M. B. Dickerson.
Warren J. Baker	Ill. Gr. C. of Council	Toledo	131	10 48	3 00	13 48	Warren J. Baker.
Chas. H. Giessen	Ill. Gr. Steward	Cleveland	164	13 12	3 00	16 12	Chas. H. Giessen.
I. L. Oppenheimer	Ill. Gr. Sentinel	Pomeroy	176	14 08	3 00	17 08	I. L. Oppenheimer.
Wm. M. Cunningham	Com. Por. Cor	Newark	78	6 24	3 00	9 24	Wm. M. Cunningham.
S. W. Courtright	P. M. Ill. G. M	Circleville	63				
O. A. B. Senter	do	Columbus	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	O. A. B. Senter.
J. M. Goodspeed	do	Athens	121	9 68	3 00	12 68	J. M. Goodspeed.
Levi C. Goodale	do	Cincinnati	80	6 40	3 00	9 40	Levi C. Goodale.
D. C. Winegarner	do	Newark	78	6 24	3 00	9 24	D. C. Winegarner.
G. D. McBride	do	Gallipolis	160	12 80	3 00	15 80	G. D. McBride.
Graff M. Acklin	do	Toledo	131		3 00	3 00	Graff M. Acklin.
Edwin Morrell	do	Columbus	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Edwin Morrell.
Lewis M. Lea	do	Sandusky	131	10 48	3 00	13 48	Lewis M. Lea.
Arthur P. Crane	do	Toledo	131				
H. R. Morrison	do	Cleveland	164	13 12	3 00	16 12	H. R. Morrison.
Wm. T. McLean	do	Sidney	41	3 28	3 00	6 28	Wm. T. McLean.
Wm. B. Anderson	do	Dayton	21	1 68	3 00	4 68	W. B. Anderson.
Geo. D. Copeland	do	Marion	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	Geo. D. Copeland.
Jewett Palmer	do	Marietta	159	12 72	3 00	15 72	Jewett Palmer.
John T. Lane	do	Conneaut	232	18 56	3 00	21 56	John F. Lane.
Totals			2,787	$ 192 96	$ 81 00	$ 278 96	

I certify the amount of the above Pay Roll to be correct.

Springfield, O., October 3, 1905.

HENRY TRUE, *R. Ill. Gr. Treas.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Of the Grand Council of Ohio, from its Organization on Wednesday, January 6th, 1830, to the Present Date.

*Robert Punchon	Cincinnati	1830-1-2-3
*William J. Reese	Lancaster	1834-5-6-7
*William B. Thrall	Circleville	1838-9-40-1-2
*John W. Milligan	Columbus	1843-4-5
*Absalom Death	Cincinnati	1846-7-8
*William B. Dodds	Cincinnati	1849-50-51
*John M. Barrere	Hillsboro	1852-3-4-5-6
*John M. Parks	Cincinnati	1857-8-9
*Charles C. Kiefer	Urbana	1860-1-2
*Timothy B. Fisher	Marion	1863
William M. Cunningham	Newark	1864-5-6
*Charles Brown	Cincinnati	1867-8
*Joseph R. Conrad	Atwater	1869-70-1-2
*Henry Theobald	Dayton	1873-4
Samuel W. Courtright	Circleville	1875-6-7
Orestes A. B. Senter	Columbus	1878-9
Joseph M. Goodspeed	Athens	1880-1
Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati	1882-3
*David P. Chamberlin	Toledo	1884-5
David C. Winegarner	Newark	1886-7
George D. McBride	Gallipolis	1888-9
Graff M. Acklin	Toledo	1890-1
Edwin Morrell	Columbus	1892-3
Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky	1894
*John S. White	Cleveland	1895
Arthur P. Crane	Toledo	1896
John B. Romans	Seattle, Wash.	1897
Henry E. Morrison	Cleveland	1898
William T. McLean	Sidney	1899
William B. Anderson	Dayton	1900
George D. Copeland	Marion	1901
Jewett Palmer	Marietta	1902
John F. Lane	Conneaut	1903
Nelson Williams	Hamilton	1904
William A. Spill	Cleveland	1905

*Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

INTERCHANGED TO GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Arkansas	George D. McBride..	Gallipolis
California	Arthur P. Crane....	Toledo
Connecticut	Edwin Morrell	Columbus
Colorado	Charles H. Giessen..	Cleveland
Florida	Lewis P. Schaus	Newark
Georgia	Henry E. Morrison..	Cleveland
Illinois	William B. Anderson	Dayton
Indian Territory	George D. Copeland.	Marion
Indiana	Nelson Williams	Hamilton
Iowa	William T. McLean.	Sidney
Kansas	George P. Conner...	Lima
Kentucky	Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati
Louisiana	....	.....
Maine	John W. Parsons....	Springfield
Maryland	Graff M. Acklin.....	Toledo
Massachusetts	O. A. B. Senter.....	Columbus
Michigan	Wm. E. Evans.....	Chillicothe
Minnesota	George Billow	Akron
Mississippi	I. L. Oppenheimer...	Pomeroy
Missouri	Robert V. Hampson.	Salem
New Brunswick	Fred. W. Adams....	Warren
Nebraska	Lewis M. Lea.....	Sandusky
New Hampshire	Jewett Palmer	Marietta
New Jersey	Gilbert A. Ewing....	Jackson
New York	W. M. Cunningham.	Newark
North Carolina	Wm E. Banta.....	Springfield
Oregon	D. C. Winegarner...	Newark
Pennsylvania	J. W. Iredell, Jr....	Cincinnati
Rhode Island	S. B. Grove.....	Urbana
Vermont	John F. Lane.....	Conneaut
South Carolina	Warren J. Baker....	Toledo
Tennessee	C. W. Carroll.....	St. Clairsville
Washington	W. A. Spill.....	Cleveland
Wisconsin	C. C. Park.....	Tiffin
England and Wales..	Moses H. Levagood..	Elyria
Canada	George W. Fels.....	Cincinnati
General Gr'd Council.	O. A. B. Senter.....	Columbus

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INTERCHANGED FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Arkansas	Edgar E. Bryant....	Fort Smith
California	James Hedges Hall..	Santa Ana
Canada	Samuel Dubber	St. Thomas, Ont.
Colorado	John Humphreys ...	Trinidad
Connecticut	Dwight Waugh	Stamford
England and Wales .	Charles F. Matier....	London, Eng.
Florida	C. L. Smith	Daytona
Georgia	Robert L. Colding...	Savannah
Illinois	George W. Curtis....	Peoria
Indiana	Simeon P. Gilliett...	Evansville
Indian Territory	William L. Eagleton.	Pawnee
Iowa		
Kansas	Thomas L. Bond....	Salina
Kentucky	Charles Henry Fisk..	Covington
Louisiana	Robt. Harmon Cage..	New Iberia
Maine	Webster Hazlewood .	Andover, Mass.
Maryland	John M. Carter	Baltimore
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston
Michigan	George A. Cross.....	Lawrence
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery ..	St. Paul
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Nebraska	Charles J. Phelps....	Schuyler
New Brunswick	James Masters	Moneton
New Hampshire	Rev. J. M. Durrell...	Dover
New Jersey	Linsly Rowe	Jersey City
New York	James Chambers ...	New York City
North Carolina	Walter S. Liddell...	Charlotte
Oregon	A. L. Rumsey.....	Mt. Tabor
Pennsylvania	James B. Youngson..	Pittsburg
Rhode Island	Rev. H. W. Rugg....	Providence
South Carolina	J. T. Baron.....	Columbia
Tennessee	T. W. Crutcher.....	Nashville
Vermont	Frank A. Phillips....	Randolph
Washington	John B. Romans....	Seattle
Wisconsin	Fred Ring	La Crosse

GRAND COUNCILS
AND
ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

GENERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
Gen. Grand Council.	Henry W. Mordhurst..	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco, Star King Bldg
....	....	
Colorado	Ernest Le Neve Foster	Denver
Florida	James W. Boyd	Miami
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather ...	Indianapolis Masonic Tem.
Indian Territory ...	Robert Y. Morrison...	Atoka
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines
Kansas	Wm. M. Shaver	Topeka
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	James W. Bowers	Baltimore, 16 E. Lex'gt. street
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston, Masonic Tem.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery .	St. Paul
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, 1608 Capitol av
New Hampshire ...	Frank D. Woodbury...	Concord
New York	George Van Vliet	New York, 16 8th Ave
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington
Ohio	William E. Evans	Chillicothe
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis ...	Charleston
Tennessee	Wm. A. Clendenning ..	Nashville
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington
Washington	Edward R. Hare.....	Tacoma
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS

Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp...	Montgomery
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard....	Chicago
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville
Michigan	Charles A. Conover...	Coldwater
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
New Jersey	John B. Bertholf	Jersey City
Pennsylvania	Frank W. Martenis ..	South Bethlehem
Rhode Island	William R. Greene....	Providence

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS

Canada	James C. Morgan	Barrie, Ontario
England and Wales.	Charles F. Matier	London, Great Queen Street
New Brunswick ...	Frank A. Godsoe	St. John
Ontario	A. G. Horford	Toronto
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh

OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1900-1905

ANDREW P. SWANSTRON, St. Paul, Minn.,
General Grand Master.

HENRY C. LARRABEE, Baltimore, Md.,
General Grand Deputy Master.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio,
General Grand Principal Conductor.

CHARLES H. HEATON, Montpelier, Vt.,
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HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.,
General Grand Recorder.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Chaplain.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, Boston, Mass.,
General Grand Captain of Guard.

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kan.,
General Grand Conductor of Council.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.,
General Grand Marshal.

WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa,
General Grand Steward.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Sentinel.

MEMBERSHIP
IN THE
GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND COUNCILS.		MEMBERSHIP	AS PER REPORT
Alabama	.....	357	1904
Arkansas	.....	328	1904
California	.....	1,812	1905
Colorado	.....	498	1905
Connecticut	.....	4,240	1905
Florida	.....	100	1902
Georgia	.....	887	1905
Illinois	.....	4,213	1905
Indiana	.....	3,765	1904
Indian Territory	.....	222	1904
Iowa	.....	883	1904
Kansas	.....	1,121	1904
Kentucky	.....	943	1904
Louisiana	.....	392	1904
Maine	.....	3,464	1905
Maryland	.....	827	1904
Massachusetts	.....	6,570	1904
Michigan	.....	5,498	1904
Minnesota	.....	772	1904
Mississippi	.....	1,439	1905
Missouri	.....	1,231	1904
Nebraska	.....	845	1904
New Hampshire	.....	1,787	1904
New Jersey	.....	676	1905
New York	.....	4,860	1904
North Carolina	.....	210	1905
Ohio	.....	8,252	1905
Oregon	.....	289	1905
Pennsylvania	.....	3,049	1905
Rhode Island	.....	1,723	1904
South Carolina	.....	206	1905
Tennessee	.....	532	1905
Vermont	.....	1,334	1904
Washington	.....	556	1904
Wisconsin	.....	1,811	1905
Subordinate Councils Reported to the General Grand Council	.....	287	1903
Total Membership in the United States and Territories	.....	66,252	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

—OF—

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

CINCINNATI COUNCIL, No. 1, Cincinnati.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 24, 1827.

WILLIAM J. STRAUSS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOSEPH KIRKUP, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Reinstated —

William H. Bucher.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Harry Chapman Martin.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 230
Grand Council Dues $121.00

UNION COUNCIL, No. 2. Steubenville.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

JAY R. SWEENEY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRY R. LINTON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 19.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 131
Grand Council Dues $75.00

CHILLICOTHE COUNCIL, No. 4. Chillicothe.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

ALBERT E. CULTER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN W. BEST, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 15.

Withdrawn —

Austin M. Courtenay.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 196
Grand Council Dues..... $105.50

BIGELOW COUNCIL, No. 7. Newark.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1841.

ADDISON L. RAWLINGS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALONZA P. TAYLOR, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 21.

Admitted —

John F. Cherry.

Reinstated —

Dr. C. A. Burke.

Withdrawn —

Clarence M. Humes.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Samuel J. Everett, Smith W. Vermillion, Warren S. Weiant.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 201
Grand Council Dues.....$111.50

COLUMBUS COUNCIL, No. 8. Columbus.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, December 21, 1841.

BARNARD O. BROWN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILDEN E. JOSEPH, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Admitted —

William John Bebb.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 509
Grand Council Dues.....$263.50

REESE COUNCIL, No. 9. Dayton.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 14, 1843.

JOHN CISSNA, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES D. KIDD, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 43.

Withdrawn —

J. Emil Zwissler.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Charles E. Heathman, Harry E. Swope, John J. Urban.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 496
Grand Council Dues.....$269.50

ZANESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 12. Zanesville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1844.

R. H. MCFARLAND, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. HOSKINSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 15.

Withdrawn —

F. A. Hopper.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 164
Grand Council Dues $89.00

WOOSTER COUNCIL, No. 13. Wooster.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1846.

GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES B. MINIER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Withdrawn —

Charles W. F. Dick.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

J. F. Kneiss, Andrew M. Parrish, J. L. Turner.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 58
Grand Council Dues..... $33.00

FRANKLIN COUNCIL, No. 14. Troy.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 16, 1847.

WALTER G. WELLS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELMER M. FAULKNER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 12.

Withdrawn —

Charles L. Van Cleve.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

F. J. Gibbs.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 101
Grand Council Dues..... $56.50

ATHENS COUNCIL, No. 15. Athens.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

BEARLEY A. HEADLEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES A. PALMER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 6.

Admitted —

Isaac Newton.

Reinstated —

Cladius L. Biddison.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George L. Saunders.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 100
Grand Council Dues..... $54.00

HILLSBORO COUNCIL, No. 16. Hillsboro.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

GEORGE L. GARRETT, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. ANDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Reinstated —

James E. McDermott.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

J. C. Ferguson.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 64
Grand Council Dues..... $36.50

SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL, No. 17. Springfield.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1852.

CHRISTIAN A. SCHUSTER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
OLIVER H. ANDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 14.

Withdrawn —

David T. Kizer.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Moore Goodfellow.

Suspended Un-Mas. Conduct —

Jacob A. Hinckle, Robert N. Lantz.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 227
Grand Council Dues.....$120.50

HAMILTON COUNCIL, No. 19. Hamilton.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, November 20, 1858.

FREDERICK B. EDMANDS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
W. A. SEWARD, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George H. Harvey, William J. Thompson.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 106
Grand Council Dues..... $58.50

LIMA COUNCIL, No. 20, Lima.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1854.

GEORGE P. CONNER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WALLACE LANDIS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Reinstated —

Thomas W. Bachus, Alfred C. Baxter, James Britt, Irwin L. Britt, Hugh Cameron, Frank M. Frey, Peter T. Mell, George A. Reuter, Harry C. Scheide, Thomas R. Terwilleger, Thomas E. Thompson, Samuel B. Zartman.

Withdrawn —

John Thomas.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Charles H. Cook, Herman V. Chase, Oven Dickason, Frederick A. Husted, Allan F. Knisely, David R. J. Poush, Albert A. Scott, William N. C. Thurston.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 130
Grand Council Dues..... $85.50

MARION COUNCIL, No. 22. Marion.

Stated Assmbly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1856.

HAYS THOMPSON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 21.

Admitted —

James Jacoby.

Reinstated —

Fred. A. Isslich, John T. Walker.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Benjamin Beiler, Samuel Oppenheimer.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 233
Grand Council Dues.....$129.00

NORWALK COUNCIL, No. 24. Norwalk.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1857.

CHAUNCEY N. FRAZIER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN H. GROSS, - - - - Recorder.

Reinstated —

Nelson H. Pebbles.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 46
Grand Council Dues..... $23.50

SANDUSKY CITY COUNCIL, No. 26. Sandusky.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1857.

JOHN TRAUB, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAY D. LEA, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 12.

Withdrawn —

Reed D. Burnham, William E. Guerin, Peter J. Hermes, Charles E. Stroud, Frank T. Zollinger.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George A. Feick, J. G. Yingling.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 167
Grand Council Dues..... $89.50

MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 32. Gallipolis.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1859.

GEORGE W. C. POORE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN C. VANDEN, - - - Recorder.

Admitted —

William B. Abbott.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George W. Clark.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 81
Grand Council Dues..... $40.50

TOLEDO COUNCIL, No. 33. Toledo.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1868.

H. ADELBERT LAVEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELDRED W. EASTELL, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 21.

Reinstated —

Frank E. Cole, Franklin E. Knoch, John P. McAfee.

Withdrawn —

Orrin C. Baker, Laurence S. Bellman, Robert S. Patty.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George W. Blake, James E. Brailey, Benjamin F. James, Enoch I. Morgan, Gus Pancratz, John H. Watson, Arthur D. Williams.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 445
Grand Council Dues.....$234.50

CANTON COUNCIL, No. 35. Canton.

Stated Assembly, fourth Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, January 31, 1866.

CHARLES DICKERHOF, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES SILVERMAN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Reinstated —

E. J. Meyers.

Withdrawn —

George F. S. Melbour.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

D. F. Biery, Elmore E. Cline, N. W. Culbertson, Sylvanus E. Lengle, Charles E. McDowel, H. G. De Weese, E. E. Fox.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 170
Grand Council Dues..... $94.50

CLEVELAND COUNCIL, No. 36. Cleveland.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 7, 1865.

JOHN KNOX CORWIN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. MORRISON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 43.

Admitted —

George Miller, Frank E. Peck.

Reinstated —

George Arnold.

Withdrawn —

Erastus Dav, Fred. Jenny, William F. Peebles, Henry C. Schwall.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

George W. Gender, S. H. Harrington, Philip H. Keese, H. S. Powell.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 598
Grand Council Dues.....$323.00

HOCKHOCKING COUNCIL, No. 39. Logan.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

ANTHONY W. MAUK, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. JAMES, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Withdrawn —

Isaac Newton.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 63
Grand Council Dues..... $36.00

CONNEAUT COUNCIL, No. 40. Conneaut.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

HARRY S. SCHALK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HUBERT D. PROSSER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 53.

Withdrawn —

J. J. Morgan, F. E. Peck.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 208
Grand Council Dues.....$130.50

LONDON COUNCIL, No. 41. London.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1866.

CHARLES E. ARBUCKLE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE W. CLARK, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 2.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 36
Grand Council Dues..... $19.00

OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 44. Salem.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN G. AUGUSTINE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES C. SNYDER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 19.

Reinstated —

S. M. Hoon, C. W. Ruth.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 133
Grand Council Dues..... $77.50

BOSWORTH COUNCIL, No. 46. Pomeroy.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

FRANK E. BOLTON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. PARKER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Reinstated —

William S. Chapman.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 67
Grand Council Dues..... $42.50

CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 47. Tiffin.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 11, 1867.

ASA M. HART, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ARTHUR H. UNGER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Withdrawn —

Beverly B. Campbell, Rawson Crocker, Earl K. Cunningham, George W. Cunningham, Martin L. Cunningham, Charles E. Davis, Frank Engstrom, James P. Evans, Frederick G. Lemp, Andrew E. Mergenthaler, Harry E. Mickey, James L. Mickey, Charles W. McKee, David Peter, Jacob F. Peter, William J. Rossiter, John H. Stephens.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 75
Grand Council Dues..... $39.50

FINDLAY COUNCIL, No. 50. Findlay.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN GORE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
DAVID L. GRABLE, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Withdrawn —

J. J. Lower, A. C. Miller.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

William J. Brown, Reuben W. Herrick, Samuel F. Martin.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 83
Grand Council Dues $47.00

BELMONT COUNCIL, No. 54. St. Clairsville.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, November 30, 1867.

C. W. CARROLL, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. B. MEYER, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 2.

Admitted —

A. J. Baggs.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 48
Grand Council Dues $25.00

OC-CO-NOX-EE COUNCIL, No. 55. Defiance.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1869.

ROBERT T. WHITAKER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK J. PAPENHAGEN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 130
Grand Council Dues $74.00

GEBAL COUNCIL, No. 56. Uhrichsville.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, July 15, 1870.

LEWIS F. ROMIG, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
LUTHER E. EVERETT, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Reinstated —

Thomas Furey.

Withdrawn —

W. G. Minard.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

H. E. Boyer, G. W. Finney, H. B. Green, F. B. Gower, L. H. Hughes, Joseph Loeb, T. H. Loller, H. B. Lukens, John F. Meyers, Elwood Moore, A. Riffle, W. J. Shinn, J. A. Shinn, H. J. Speck, E. W. Tibbals, O. P. Taylor, Charles M. Wolf.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 106
Grand Council Dues..... $56.00

WARREN COUNCIL, No. 58. Warren.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

JAMES S. GILDARD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
..... Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Admitted —

William G. Hurburt, William F. Peebles.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 192
Grand Council Dues $105.00

URBANA COUNCIL, No. 59. Urbana.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

E. ERWOOD CHENEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN S. MERRILL, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Reinstated —

William M. Black.

Withdrawn —

Charles D. Slifer.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Alden Beatley, William M. Black, John M. Gries, Joseph E. Light, James W. Pickering, George E. Stephenson, T. E. Urban, Edwin Weaver.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 83
Grand Council Dues..... $44.50

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 60. Circleville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1872.

RICHARD A. BROWN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
STEPHEN L. GRIGSBY, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 6.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 83
Grand Council Dues $44.50

FREMONT COUNCIL, No. 64. Fremont.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

W. S. LEWIS, - - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
H. S. DOR, - - - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Withdrawn —

Frank D. Rust.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 82
Grand Council Dues $45.00

KENTON COUNCIL, No. 65. Kenton.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

JOHN WILSON, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
BENT L. THOMPSON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9

Reinstated —

James Bastible, Samuel Pfeiffer, Isaac P. Weston, Edward H. Wilson, O. P. Wilson.

Withdrawn —

J. L. Simpson.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 128
Grand Council Dues $71.00

WAUSEON COUNCIL, No. 68. Wauseon.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1879.

GUY B. TUTHILL, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK M. MOYER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Withdrawn —

George Huitt.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Cyrus Arnold, S. S. Thorley, W. A. J. Scott.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 107
Grand Council Dues $58.00

PUTNAM COUNCIL, No. 69. Ottawa.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, March 31, 1879.

S. F. DEFORD, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN T. MAIDLOW, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Withdrawn —

H. D. Gimble, W. T. Rangler.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 105
Grand Council Dues $56.00

SIDNEY COUNCIL, No. 70. Sidney.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, September 30, 1882.

A. W. REDISH, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WALTER R. BLAKE, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 3.

Withdrawn —

D. R. Orbison, H. G. Woodward.

Suspended. N. P. D. —

Park P. Doran, B. O. Worrell.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 84
Grand Council Dues $42.50

TROWEL COUNCIL, No. 71. Jackson.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 7, 1885.

H. CLAY MURFIN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM H. SLOANE, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Eli B. Bingham, Thomas M. Davidson, Henry Reese.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 122
Grand Council Dues $65.50

DELPHOS COUNCIL, No. 72. Delphos.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 20, 1890.

JOSEPH H. COWDIN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JULIAN E. FAST, - - - Recorder.

Admitted —

George B. Richason, F. O. Brotherton.

Withdrawn —

W. John Bebb.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 55
Grand Council Dues $27.50

VAN WERT COUNCIL, No. 73. Van Wert.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October, 6, 1891.

HUGH V. OLNEY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ISMA H. MALICK, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 13.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

John W. Loree.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 130
Grand Council Dues $71.50

GUERNSEY COUNCIL, No. 74. Cambridge.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

JOHN W. BORTON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Withdrawn —

J. J. Scarberry.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 68
Grand Council Dues $36.50

NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL, No. 75. New Lexington.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

HERMAN F. ACKER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES F. MCMAHON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 14.

Reinstated —

John W. Miner, Hamilton Nichols.

Withdrawn —

Frank A. Kelly, Hamilton Nichols.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 88
Grand Council Dues $55.50

KINSMAN COUNCIL, No. 76. Mt. Vernon.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1892.

ROBERT M. GREER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
SAMUEL H. PETERMAN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 10.

Admitted —

Guy Buttolph.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 138
Grand Council Dues $74.00

WYOMING COUNCIL, No. 77. Wyoming.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1898.

HENRY RUCKELSHAUSEN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
LESLIE WEBB, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Reinstated —

A. B. Barker.

Withdrawn —

William J. Eckman.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

J. R. Fortney, Lenox C. Goodwin, E. W. Hall, John F. Hinds, E. A. Kuhlman, Oliver L. Perin, Edgar Phillips.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 52
Grand Council Dues $30.50

MARIETTA COUNCIL, No. 78. Marietta.

Stated Assembly, fourth Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1898.

W. J. KIRKWOOD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
A. W. TOMPKINS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Admitted —

Charles R. Briggs.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

A. O. C. Ahrendts, W. S. Dye, C. H. Jordan, E. M. Lewis, George J. Shad.

Suspended Un-Mas. Conduct —

George W. Bonnell.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 135
Grand Council Dues $71.00

SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 79. Portsmouth.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 22, 1894.

ANDREW J. FULLER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE PADEN, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 16.

Reinstated —

Samuel L. Rice.

Withdrawn —

Henry D. Hibbs.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 101
Grand Council Dues $59.50

AKRON COUNCIL, No. 80. AKRON.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

ANTHONY H. PRICE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM E. WAUGH, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 16.

Withdrawn —

Philo C. Buel.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 109
Grand Council Dues $62.50

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL, No. 81. St. Mary's.

Stated Assembly, second and fourth Fridays each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

VALANDINGHAM BODEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. HENDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Reinstated —

E. L. Fee, S. C. Schuyler.

Withdrawn —

William H. Swift.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 77
Grand Council Dues $41.50

BELLEVUE COUNCIL, No. 82. Bellevue.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 25, 1898.

FRANK P. HALE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES MATZ, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 2.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Sherman McKenney.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 70
Grand Council Dues $36.00

GWYNN COUNCIL, No. 83. Bucyrus.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1898.

ROBERT VINCENT VAUGHAN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
DANIEL W. LOCKE, - - - Recorder pro tem.

Advanced — 22.

Withdrawn —

T. J. Wyatt.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

J. G. Monnette.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 123
Grand Council Dues $72.00

DELAWARE COUNCIL, No. 84. Delaware.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 9, 1900.

JOHN B. TAGGART, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM M. SEMANS, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 12.

Admitted —

D. Frank Rust.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Frank A. Miner.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 90
Grand Council Dues $51.00

LOGAN COUNCIL, No. 85. Bellefontaine.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 24, 1901.

WILLIAM E. SLOAN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM N. MARSHALL, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 95
Grand Council Dues $53.00

ELYRIA COUNCIL, No. 86. Elyria.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

CLARK H. LOUGHREY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. MAPES, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

P. B. Cushion, E. R. Stanard.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 85
Grand Council Dues $46.50

BELLAIRE COUNCIL, No. 87. Bellaire.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

T. M. ROSEBERRY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILL DAUGHERTY, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 19.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 77
Grand Council Dues $48.00

LANCASTER COUNCIL, No. 88. Lancaster.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

FRED L. MAUGER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHAUNCEY W. MATTHEWS, - Recorder.

Withdrawn —

John F. Cherry.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 87
Grand Council Dues $47.00

S. S. JEWELL COUNCIL, No. 89. Marysville.

Stated Assembly, first Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1903.

JOHN M. BRODRICK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. HAMILTON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 3.

Withdrawn —

D. W. Henderson.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 31
Grand Council Dues $17.00

FOSTORIA COUNCIL, No. 90. Fostoria.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

BEVERLY B. CAMPBELL, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES E. DAVIS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Admitted —

L. T. Jones.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 66
Grand Council Dues $36.50

MATCHETTE COUNCIL, No. 91 Greenville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

JAMES I. ALLREAD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE A. KATZENBERGER, - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Membership July 31, 1905..... 32
Grand Council Dues $18.00

OHIO COUNCIL, U. D. Ironton.

Stated Assembly, first Monday each month.
Date of Dispensation, August 18, 1904.

JAMES D. FOSTER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALFRED ROBINSON, - - - Recorder.

Chartem Members — 36.

Grand Council Dues $30.00

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL, U. D. Piqua.

Stated Assemblies, second and fourth Tuesdays each month.
Date of Dispensation, April 25, 1905.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. R. MILES, - - - - Recorder pro tem.

Charter Members — 66.

Grand Council Dues $57.50

MANSFIELD COUNCIL, U. D. Mansfield.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Dispensation, August 22, 1905.

FRANK H. MARQUIS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRISON M. ALVORD, - - Recorder.

Charter Members — 53.

Grand Council Dues $39.00

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE

Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

BY

W. M. CUNNINGHAM

M. W. Past Grand Master F, & A. M.
M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest R. A. M. and M. Ill. P. G. M.
of Cryptic Masons of Ohio,
Chairman of Committee.

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To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had under Consideration the Printed Proceedings of the following named Grand Councils and respectfully submit the following brief review of their transactions, arranged as heretofore, in alphabetical order for the convenience of the reader:

Alabama	1894-1904 incl.	Michigan	1905
Arkansas	1904	Minnesota	1904
California	1905	Mississippi	1905
Colorado	1904	Missouri	1905
Connecticut	1905	Nebraska	1904
England and Wales	1905	New Hampshire	1904
Georgia	1905	New Jersey	1905
Illinois	1904	New York	1905
Indiana	1904	North Carolina	1904
Indian Territory	1905	Oregon	1905
Iowa	1904	Pennsylvania	1905
Kansas	1905	Rhode Island	1902-4
Kentucky	1904	South Carolina	1905
Louisiana	1904	Tennessee	1905
Maine	1904	Vermont	1904
Maryland	1903-4	Washington	1904
Massachusetts	1904	Wisconsin	1905
Statistics	1904-5		

INTRODUCTORY.

The congratulations of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio are respectfully extended to all other Grand Bodies of the Cryptic Rite upon the prosperity now generally prevalent in the Subordinate Councils of this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

It is, of course, a matter of pardonable pride with its membership to know that the Grand Council of Ohio now occupies the first place among its compeers.

In its historical relations the researches of Masonic scholars now very satisfactorily show the pre-American existence of Cryptic Masonry. Gould in his history of the Royal Arch Degree says of degrees worked in Scotland prior to those of the Grand Chapter erected in 1818.

"Besides the Supreme Grand Chapter erected (as above stated) in 1818, there is another organization which claims the right of controlling the Royal Arch Degree in Scotland. This is the Early Grand Scottish Rite, formerly called the Early Grand Mother Encampment of High Knight Templars, Scotland.

"The laws of the Rite are entitled the 'General Statutes and Ordinances enacted for the government of Red, Black, Green, and White Masonry' (in Scotland)."

"The third of the Statutes and Ordinances of the Early Grand Mother Chapter is as follows: 'The Early Grand Mother Chapter recognizes the Degrees of Funeral Master, Fellow Craft Mark, Master's Mark, Architect, Grand Architect, Master of the Blue, Past Master, Royal Ark Mariner, Fugitive Mark, Link and Chain, Jacob's Wrestle, Scarlet Cord, Brotherly Love, *Royal Master Select Master, Most Excellent Master,* Excellent Mason, Super-excellent Mason, Holy Royal Arch, and the installed degrees of Noah, J., H., and Z.'"

As the Grand Body referred to claims even an earlier existence than 1750 it is at least another corroborative link in the historical chain of Cryptic Masonry and at least shows conclusively, in the opinion of your committee, the pre-American existence of the Council Degrees.

ALABAMA, 1894 TO 1904 INCLUSIVE.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 126. Montgomery, 1905.

The Proceedings from 1894 to 1903 are of the usual routine character and not now of sufficient interest to review herein as it would be but a repetition of statistical information.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Alabama was held in the city of Montgomery, December 5, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. M. I. Comp. Jacob D. Bloch, G. M., in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, six.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, six.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 74; affiliated, 5; number of demitted, 2; died, 3; suspended, n. p. d., 23.

Net gain current year, fifty-one.

Total number of members, 357.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, two.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, not reported.

No Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council is on the list of Grand Representatives in the Proceedings of Ohio, and no complete list seems to be contained in the Alabama Proceedings.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

The portrait of Comp. Jacob D. Bloch, M. Ill. G. M., faces the title page of the brochure under review.

The address of the M. Ill. G. M. is an exhaustive statement of official acts. Of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction he says:

"It is with pleasure that I state that the general condition of the Grand Council of Alabama is greatly improved. Our Grand Recorder will make report of the exact increase of membership from his returns just in, and while not giving you the exact number I can assure you of a healthy increase. Interest seems to have been aroused in Cryptic Masonry, and it is but just, proper and natural that it should be. An improvement in Masonry means an improvement in the general condition of the civilized world."

The Committee on Finance reported a balance of $350.65 in the Grand Treasury.

The Proceedings were of routine legislation. A committee on a Revision of the Constitution was appointed and their Constitution of 1892 is published in the Appendix.

M. Ill. Comp. Jacob D. Bloch of Mobile, was re-elected Grand Master, and M. Ill. Comp. George A. Beauchamp of Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence is contained in the Proceedings.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Alabama will be held in the city of Montgomery on Monday before the first Tuesday in December, 1905.

ARKANSAS, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 32. Little Rock, 1904.

The Forty-second Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas was held in the city of Little Rock, November 18th, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. Deputy Grand Master R. I. Comp. Nick Kizer in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, eight.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fourteen.

Number of Councils working under Dispensation, one.

Number of "advanced" current year, 46; affiliated, 1; number of dimitted, 1; died 3; suspended n. p. d., 1.

Net gain current year, forty-two.

Total number of members, 328.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, eight.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twelve.

Ill. Comp. Edgar E. Bryant of Fort Smith, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

The M. I. Grand Master Comp. G. W. Skidmore, was pre-

vented by illness from being in attendance. His Annual Address, a brief summary of official acts, was read by the Grand Secretary: In it he pathetically says of himself:

"I regret more than I can express that ill health prevents me from being in attendance at your session. Very early after the beginning of my term I was stricken with paralysis which impaired my speech, and my locomotion, to such an extent as to render it impracticable for me to fully discharge the duties of my office, and which prevents me from being with you today, but I am with you in spirit and my heart and my interest is in the cause of Cryptic Masonry."

The Grand Recorder M. I. Comp. Fay Hempstead in his Annual Report states that:

"I may say, in general, that this year has proven to be a most prosperous year, and with more advancement in our Council affairs than I have ever known concerning it; equalling, I verily believe, if not surpassing, that of any previous year. I attribute this happy result to the coming of the General Grand Council into our midst, and the inspiration which their session, held in this city last year, furnished to Councils and to individual Companions."

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a Charter was granted to a Council working under Dispensation, and one dormant Council was resuscitated.

The Committee on Recorder's and Treasurer's Books reported a balance of $256.48 in the Grand Treasury.

On motion it was ordered that the "Grand Recorder express to Companion G. W. Skidmore, Past M. I. Grand Master, our sincere sympathy in his affliction, and our hopes for his early and permanent recovery, and it was further ordered that the sum of $25.00 be sent him out of the funds of this Grand Council."

Comp. Nick Kizer of Eureka Springs, whose portrait faces the title page of the Proceedings, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and M. Ill. Comp. Fay Hempstead of Little Rock re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence published in the Proceedings of current year.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Arkansas will be held in the city of Little Rock, November 24, 1905.

CALIFORNIA, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 98. San Francisco, 1905.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California was held in San Francisco, April 17, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905. M. Ill. Comp. David M. Sutherland, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, ten.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, thirteen.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, two.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 193; afficiated, 30; reinstated, 4; number of dimitted, 13; died, 36; suspended, n. p. d., 24.

Net gain current year, one hundred and fifty-four.

Total number of members, 1812.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, thirteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, sixteen.

Ill. Comp. James H. Hall of Santa Anna, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the Choir."

The portrait of the Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. D. M. Sutherland is a frontispiece to the Proceedings.

In a brief Annual Address the Grand Master concisely reports his official acts. He issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Councils, and in his conclusion says:

"In my official capacity, I have tried to teach that the G. C. has ever in mind the necessities and best interests of the craft, and is ever mindful of the high aims and ends we have in view; the beautiful and sublime teachings of the Cryptic Degrees are peculiarly fitting as the end and summit of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry and appeal to the highest ideals of human wisdom. If we acknowledge, as we must, that man is a progressive being, we must also acknowledge that there are heights to which he has not yet risen, and it is along the lines of higher thought and human interests that we desire to direct the minds of this great fraternity, as well as the novitiate, and we must not stop at any one degree,

for the limit of his intelligence is the only limit of our usefulness to our fellow man.

"The sublime teachings of brotherly love are everywhere apparent in the Cryptic Degrees. They appeal to us to have faith in God, and love for our fellow beings, to learn of those capable of teaching the higher truths, to regard education as the great standard of manhood, and the equality of man, the true intent of nature."

The Grand Treasurer, M. I. Comp. Franklin H. Day, reported a balance of $2,002.81 in the Grand Treasury.

M. I. Comp. William A. Davies, Grand Recorder, reported that fourteen of their fifteen Subordinate Councils had made returns.

The following was unanimously adopted by the Grand Council, viz:

"Resolved, That the uniform ritual promulgated by the General Grand Council for the Degrees of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Master be and is hereby adopted as the ritual to be used by the Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of California."

On recommendation of the Committee on New Councils a Charter was granted to each of the two Councils working under Dispensations.

M. Ill. Comp. James Bestor Merritt, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a brief report on Foreign Correspondence in which he concisely reviews in twenty-eight pages the printed Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils.

In his review of Indiana he states that the Triangular Apron in California "We hold to be the correct thing." That it is the correct form has never been successfully disputed and it was largely the influence of regalia manufacturers that caused the change to be made, for their convenience.

Under Michigan he says in the action of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming in designating the legitimate bodies of Free Masons: "We do not think that any of us good Cryptics need feel any apprehension. It is only the naughty Cerneaus who are struck at, and they cannot get a lick amiss."

Of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Ohio for 1904 he says: "Ohio, bearing the banner of Cryptic Masonry, greets us with a volume of 200 pages, all of interest."

Fraternal mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand

Master Lane and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. M. Ill. Comp. Edward Keil of San Francisco was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. William A. Davies elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence M. Ill. Comp. J. B. Merritt of Oakland.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be held in the city of San Francisco, April 16, 1905.

COLORADO, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 41. Denver, 1904.

The Tenth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado was held September 21, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Marshall H. Dean, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, eight,

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, nine.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 47; affiliated, 13; reinstated, 1; number of dimitted, 5; died, 5; suspended, 17.

Net gain current year, thirty-four.

Total number of members, 485.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, five.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, fifteen.

M. Ill. Comp. John Humphreys of Trinidad, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance, although not noted in the list of Grand Representatives present.

"There being more than three Constituent Councils represented, the Most Ill. Grand Master opened the Grand Council in Ample Form, a divine blessing upon its labors being invoked by the Grand Chaplain."

The Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Dean, is a brief recital of official acts in which he congratulates the Companions of Colorado upon the harmony and prosperity prevailing

in the Cryptic Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction. He issued a Dispensation for the establishment of one new Council.

Ill. Comp. Arthur E. Jones, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $761.50 in the Grand Treasury.

In his Annual Report Ill. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, Grand Recorder, says:

"The Grand Recorders of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Vermont kindly responded to our printed circular concerning missing Proceedings, and furnished a great number to complete our library sets; and to them the thanks of this Grand Body are due."

The Triennial Committee reported that all matters of difference between the Grand Council of Colorado and the General Grand Council had been satisfactorily adjusted by the adoption of the following resolution by the General Grand Council:

"The status of said Grand Council (of Colorado) as a constituent of this General Grand Council be affirmed to be the Grand Council of Colorado as organized December 6, 1894, and healed by the Convention of July 30, 1898."

The Committee also said that:

"The resolution fully covered all that we had claimed, viz., that our organization dated back to December 6, 1894, and that all our Past Grand Masters are thus permanent members of the General Grand Council, we were well pleased and are glad to be able to report to you a satisfactory conclusion of our labors."

No report on Foreign Correspondence contained in the Proceedings.

A Charter was granted to the Council working U. D.

M. Ill. Comp. Myer S. Rafield of Colorado Springs was elected Grand Master and Ill. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster of Denver re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado will be held in Denver, September 20, 1905.

CONNECTICUT, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 167. Hartford, 1905.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut

was held in the city of New Haven, May 10, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905. M. Ill. Comp. Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, twenty-three.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-three.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 282; affiliated and reinstated, 21; number of dimitted, 45; died, 58; stricken from roll, n. p. d., 50.

Net gain current year, one hundred and forty-nine.

Total number of members, 4240.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, seven.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, fourteen.

M. Ill. Comp. Dwight Waugh of Stamford, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"The Eighty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Connecticut was opened in ample form."

The portrait of M. Ill. Comp. Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master, faces the title page.

In his Annual Address the Grand Master says of the Rite:

"Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, is in an exceedingly healthy and flourishing condition. We have now twenty-three Councils — one having been instituted the present year — within our borders, containing more than four thousand members, — one-fifth of the entire Masonic membership of our state. Only four States — Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan and New York, in the order named — exceeding Connecticut in membership, according to the latest available statistics of a year ago."

He makes sympathetic mention of the demise of Past Grand Masters M. Ill. Companions the late Charles A. Jones and the late Edward Ernest West of that Grand Jurisdiction. Portraits of these eminent Companions are contained in the "Proceedings."

He made eleven official visitations to Subordinate Councils and reports that no questions had been referred to him for decision.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Isaiah Baker, Jr., reported a balance of $890.87 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. James McCormick, Grand Recorder, submitted complete reports of all matters pertaining to his office.

The Law Committee reported that no business had been submitted for their consideration and no appeals or grievances having been submitted the Annual Session was brief in matters of business but had an exemplification of the Ritual by one of the Subordinate Councils on actual Candidates.

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

Past M. Ill. Grand Master John H. Barlow, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his usual interesting digest of the transactions of the Grand Bodies under review (twenty-nine current year and reviewed in forty pages of the Connecticut Pamphlet).

Of Ohio for 1904 he says:

"This is the largest Cryptic Jurisdiction in the United States, and publishes the largest pamphlet of Proceedings, which is over 200 pages, and is ornamented by the portrait of Comp. John F. Lane, the retiring Grand Master."

He makes fraternal reference to the demise of the late Ill. Comp. S. Stacker Williams and commends the report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home.

The report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is courteously noticed and its "introductory" is quoted with approval. He appends a carefully prepared statistical table to his report and in his conclusion says:

"We are pleased to find the several Grand Councils enjoying a fair degree of prosperity and in most Jurisdictions, a healthy increase of members. We present our usual statistical table, which shows a net gain in members the past year of 4,362, and total membership (including the 12 Councils and 322 members under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Council) of 62,444."

M. Ill. Comp. Charles B. Chapman of Norwich was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. James McCormick of Hartford re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. John H. Barlow of Hartford.

"The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of Hartford on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in May, 1906."

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 45. London, Eng., 1905.

The Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales was held at Mark Mason's Hall in London, England, March 9, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905. The P. G. P. C. of W. as M. I. Grand Master presiding in the absence of the Grand Master.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, not stated.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-eight.

Total number of members, 1,079.

Other statistical matter not reported.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, six.

Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier of Great Queen Street, London, England, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance, in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Recorder.

"The Grand Council was opened in form."

The Grand Treasurer, Ill. Comp. T. P. Dorman, reported a balance of £55 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, reported that:

"During the year ending February 28, 1905, 28 Certificates have been issued, and although the number of admissions to the Cryptic Degrees does not seem to increase in any very large proportion, the fact can only be attributed to the great increase in the number of Craft Lodges, in which at present an overwhelming interest seems to be taken. All our Councils hold their meetings regularly, and there is little doubt but that in due time their efforts will be crowned with success."

An honorarium of ten guineas was voted to Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder.

The pamphlet under review consists mostly of rosters of members and officers.

The Earl of Euston, M. Ill. Grand Master and Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 31. Macon, 1905.

The Sixty-second Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia was held in the city of Macon, April 25, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905. M. Ill. Comp. J. C. Greenfield, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, twenty-two.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, thirty.

Number of "Advanced" current year and other statistics not stated in the printed Proceedings.

Net gain current year, one hundred and nine.

Total number of members, 887.

Number of Past. M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, two.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-three.

M. Ill. Comp. Robert L. Colding of Savannah, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

The Grand Council "was opened in Due and Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Greenfield, is an able Masonic paper of twelve pages. In it he says in relation to Grand Representatives, that the office

"Is a courteous recognition of the fact, that we are all members of one great fraternal family, are all actuated by the same lofty motives, and labor for the accomplishment of the same great ends. It may only be a sentimental office, yet in this hard and dry, materialistic age, we may get matters down to a too business like basis. And after all, even now, sentiment in one form or another is the most potent influence in this world of ours."

He issued a Dispensation for one new Council and the usual Dispensations for other Masonic purposes. In his conclusion he thoughtfully says:

"Hold out to your members the attraction of pleasant surroundings, coupled with an intelligent rendition of the Ritual, or a discourse on the history and teachings of the Craft that dignifies you by accepting you, and you will find your enthusiasm contagious, your activity infectious and your Council will flourish

like a green bay tree. Let this be done throughout the length and breadth of this Grand old State of Georgia, and you, your Councils, your Companions, will dwell in such an atmosphere of Masonic fervor, that our Royal Craft will attain heights of glory and grandeur beside which its past achievements will sink into insignificance.

"Then as the glorifying and uplifting influence of Masonry falls like a benediction on the hearts of man, will come back again that reverence which once marked the attitude of the profane toward the initiate, but which the hurly-burly of these latter days has lessened and weakened. Then will the good man seek us, the bad man shun us, the strong man come to us for praise, the weak man for strength. I have unbounded and absolute faith in the future of our great fraternity. It needs not the gift of prophecy the see the Spirit of Masonry, standing as the strong right arm of the religion of the living God, shining like a great beacon light over the curling waves of ignorance, falsehood and vice, now frowning with stern disapproval on immorality and debauchery, anon bending in sympathy over the bier of an humble brother, and again, its duty to the dead performed, turning to the living left behind, and slowly, tenderly, lovingly, supporting with bountiful hands the widow and the orphan, and teaching the world that with us, brotherhood is more than a name — that it is a living, breathing, working entity."

The Committee on Finance reported an estimated balance of $245.01 in the Grand Treasury.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters a Charter was granted to the Council working under Dispensation.

No report on Foreign Correspondence is contained in the Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. L. W. Burkett of Macon was elected Grand Master and Ill. Comp. W. A. Wolihin re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Georgia will be held in the city of Macon, April 24, 1906.

ILLINOIS, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 89. Peoria, 1904.

The Fifty-second Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago, October 26, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. A. M. Hallowell, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, thirty-nine.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, forty-two.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 431; affiliated, 20; reinstated, 9; number of dimitted, 31; died, 58; suspended, 39.

Net gain current year, three hundred and thirty-two.

Total number of members, 4038.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, sixteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-five.

M. Ill. Comp. George W. Curtis of Peoria, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"A constitutional number of Councils being represented, the Grand Council of Illinois was opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain leading the devotions."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. A. M. Hallowell, is a concise statement of official duties discharged.

The Grand Treasurer, Ill. Comp. John C. Smith, reported a balance of $1,219.77 in the Grand Treasury.

Ill. Comp. Gil W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, submitted his usual complete report of all matters relating to the clerical department of the Grand Council.

The business of the Annual Assembly was brief, relating to local affairs.

M. Ill. William H. Mayo, Past M. Ill. Gen Grand Master, was in attendance as a visitor and accorded the usual honors.

A Past M. Ill. Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

M. Ill. Comp. George W. Warvelle, Chairman of the Committee, submitted as heretofore, a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence.

In its introductory he says of his report:

"In general structure it does not differ much, if any, from former reports. I have tried to make it interesting; even instructive. But I realize that there is a wide gulf between hope and fruition. Few of us can span it.

"If it shall be objected, that my jurisdictional reviews are thin and attenuated, I must justify by the fact that in most cases

the subject reviewed was only a skeleton. A meager outline of routine business. I cannot pad the bare bones of a session with a flesh it did not possess, and I know that you are not craving for knowledge that neither informs nor educates, and which leaves you no wiser after it has been imparted than you were before. I am aware also, that many accomplished reviewers do not agree with me in this particular. But I am preparing this report for the Companions of Illinois. I have been doing this sort of work long enough to have acquired a fair idea of what they want."

The Transactions of thirty Grand Councils and the Proceedings of the General Grand Council are courteously reviewed. The Proceedings of Ohio for 1903, the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence received fraternal mention. The Ohio system of Official Visitations is commended, of which he justly says:

"An efficient system of inspection is employed in this jurisdiction and much of the present prosperity of Grand Council may be attributed thereto. This is something I have been persistently preaching to you for years, and from my survey of all of the jurisdictions I find that, without exception, the Grand Councils which are enjoying the largest amount of prosperity are those which provide for visitation and inspection."

His conclusion of his reviews of Cryptic affairs in Texas meets the concurrence of your committee.

The Grand Chapter of Texas having declined to release its control of the Council Degrees Comp. Warvelle says:

"It would seem, therefore, that, for the present at least, no hope can be entertained of Cryptic autonomy in Texas, and probably for years to come the degrees will continue to occupy the same relative position in that jurisdiction as is sustained by a tin can tied to a dog's narrative.

"And, notwithstanding the assertions of the committee, the action seems ill-advised. The Capitular degrees are flourishing. A large and strong Grand Chapter exists. Masonry in general seems in good condition, and while the Cryptic degrees might not attain the same importance as other branches of Masonry, they would undoubtedly assume the same relative position with respect to the Chapter that they hold in other localities. What Texas needs is a Moses that will be able to lead the Rite from the house of bondage and into the light of freedom. Such a leader must come from within its own fold, as the G. G. C. seems utterly with-

out power or influence in a matter of this kind. Someone has a chance to immortalize himself in the Lone Star State."

In his conclusion he says that:

"The notable event of the year was the change of premierships of Grand Councils. For a number of years Massachusetts has held of right the proud position of first among its equals. This position, together with whatever prestige may have accompanied it, has been won and is now occupied by Ohio, and as Ohio is only two states away from Illinois, I am emboldened to hope that in good time we shall be able to wrest the sceptre from the Buckeyes. As it is, Ohio holds the fort by a small margin only, not to exceed 300, and it is just among the possibilities that those Massachusetts fellows may spit on their hands and take a new hold and so regain their old standing. Still, now that the star of empire has started toward the West, I should be sorry to see it recede and go back to the bleak and barren shores of the Atlantic."

If the interest in Cryptic Masonry is maintained in the future by Ohio Masons as in the past decade there is no probability that Ohio will ever "lose its grip."

M. Ill. Comp. C. W. Hollandsworth of Canton, whose portrait faces the title page of the pamphlet under review, was elected Grand Master, and Ill. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard of Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. George W. Warville of 115 Dearborn street, Chicago.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois will be held in the city of Chicago, October 25, 1905.

INDIANA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 99. Indianapolis, 1904.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was held in the city of Indianapolis, October 18, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Joseph L. Schumacher, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fifty-three.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fifty-five.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, three.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 590; affiliated, 51; reinstated, 8; number of dimitted, 89; died, 62; expelled, 3; suspended, n. p. d., 24; suspended, u. c., 9.

Net gain current year, four hundred and sixty-two.

Total number of members, 3765.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, eighteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-six.

Ill. Comp. Simeon P. Gillett of Evansville, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance, but sent regrets for absence.

"There being a constitutional number of Subordinate Councils duly represented, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was opened in ample form by Joseph I. Schumacher, M. Ill. Grand Master, and after prayer by the Ill. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Samuel L. Shirley, was declared ready for the transaction of business."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Schumacher is an interesting business paper of fifteen pages, concisely reporting his official acts and recommendations.

He reported that he had addressed an official letter to the "Illustrious Master of each Subordinate Council" of that Grand Jurisdiction urging them

"To make this the most prosperous year in the history of this beautiful Masonic Rite. The desire, upon the part of Royal Arch Masons, to receive the Cryptic Degrees is growing more apparent each day. A small effort, on the part of the Illustrious Master, never fails to enlist some of the uninformed in his community into our fold; therefore let us be up and doing, there being over 5,000 R. A. Masons in the great State of Indiana who have as yet not received these beautiful degrees. In order that you may know who some of them are, obtain from the secretary of your Chapter an alphabetical list of all Royal Arch Masons, compare the same with a list of your Council members, and you will likely see some of your personal friends among them. Call upon them, impress them with the fact that it is necessary to receive the Council Degrees in order to complete the uniform system of "American Masonry," that without them the chain is broken and no one can be a complete York Rite Mason."

He issued Dispensations for the establishment of three new Councils and of the Rite in Indiana he says:

"It affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to say to you that the condition of Cryptic Masonry was never better, the outlook never more favorable for our beloved Rite than it is at the present time. Peace and harmony prevail, zeal and good fellowship predominate in all the Councils of Indiana. Our ritualistic work is of a high character, the degrees being conferred in a dignified and appropriate manner and the material received of the highest character and standing, which enables us to congratulate ourselves upon the happy conditions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. Martin H. Rice, reported a balance of $1,897.91 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Calvin W. Pratton, Grand Recorder, reported that his annual report would show

"A greater increase than ever before in the history of the Grand Council of Indiana, notwithstanding the fact that one charter had been surrendered during the year."

On report of the Committee on Dispensations a Charter was granted to each of the three Councils working under Dispensation.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that no business had been submitted for their consideration and that

"This peaceful, and consequently happy condition of Crpytic Masonry evidences this important fact — that all those in authority have become conversant with our laws, and are conforming to them."

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence in which the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils and the Proceedings of the General Grand Council were concisely reviewed was submitted by Past M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, Chairman of the Committee.

Ohio for 1903 is accorded a courteous review in two pages of his report. Fraternal mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer, the Report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home, the Report of the Law Committee and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In this connection he says:

"Much has been said and written as to the value of Reports on Correspondence and it has been shown time and again that

there are few reading Masons, yet once in a while one finds an inquiring mind anxious to cultivate a knowledge of the doings of the Craft without the confines of his own jurisdiction, and it was a distinct pleasure of this writer to receive two letters during the past year commending his reviews in most flattering terms."

He also states that his statistical report

"Shows that Indiana is still seventh in membership, while Ohio has crowded Massachusetts out of first place."

M. Ill. Comp. Robert R. Whitrett of Logansport, whose portrait is a frontispiece to the Pamphlet under review, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Calvin W. Prather of Indianapolis re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst of Fort Wayne.

The next Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Indiana will be held in the city of Indianapolis, October 17, 1905.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 16. Muskogee, 1905.

The Eleventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, April 19, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, M. Ill. Comp. William L. Eagleton, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, eight.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, nine.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, two.

The usual statistical reports are not contained in the Pamphlet under review.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, six.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, nine.

M. Ill. Comp. William L. Eagleton of Pawnee the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance as Grand Master.

"A constitutional number of Councils being present, by representatives, the Grand Master proceeded to open the Grand Council in ample form."

"Prayer by Grand Recorder,."

The Annual Address of the M. Ill. Grand Master is a brief recital of official acts and recommendations. He reported that Dispensations had been granted for the establishment of two new Councils and that conditions seem favorable for the establishment of others in the near future.

The Grand Treasurer R. Ill. Comp. Ira B. Kirkland reported a balance of $89.65 in the Grand Treasury.

The following letter from M. Ill. Comp. Rev. Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Recorder, is a satisfactory explanation of the brevity and incompleteness of the report of current year, viz:

Office of Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
Indian Territory.

J. S. MURROW, Grand Secretary.

ATOKA, I. T., July 27, 1905.

DEAR BROTHERS — I beg leave to apologize for the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and Grand Council Territory for 1905. I am very much ashamed of these books. They are incomplete and incorrect, and the printer's work is very poorly done. The fault is not mine. This work was done in a Muskogee printing office. Last year, and for several years, this house has done us good work. This year the Union Printers went out on strike while the first book, the Grand Chapter Proceedings, were being printed. The strike was not settled. Some of the copy was misplaced and lost and when the Grand Chapter Proceedings came out I was very much disappointed, and requested a brother Mason in Muskogee to go to the *Times* office and get all the MS. of the Grand Commandery and Grand Council and send it to me. He wrote that the proprietor was doing his best to get out the other books in good shape, and advised me to let it remain. But it was a miserable job. Some of the Reports are incomplete; some placed out of order and the Grand Council Proceedings have no tables at all.

I am very sorry for Mr. Greer because of his sore trouble with the Union printers, but I am more sorry for myself because my brethren expect me to have good work done for them.

Sincerely,

J. S. MURROW.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles C. Kneisely, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a brief report in which the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils is acknowledged — Ohio not among the number.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a Charter was granted to one new Council and one Council was continued under Dispensation.

M. Ill. Comp. William H. Essex of McAlester, was elected Grand Master, and M. Ill. Comp. Joseph S. Murrow of Atoka, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. Ill. Comp. Charles C. Kneisley of Guthrie.

"Ada, Indian Territory, was selected as the place for the next Annual Assembly, and the time was set Wednesday, after the third Tuesday in April, 1906."

IOWA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 67. Des Moines, 1904.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Iowa was held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 20, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles O. Greever, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, eighteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, two.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 35; affiliated, 55; new councils, 142; number of dimitted, 49; died, 10; suspended, 24.

Net gain current year, one hundred and forty-nine.

Total number of members, 883.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, three.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-two.

M. Ill. Comp. A. R. Dewey of Washington, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

"Grand Master Charles O. Greever, with the assistance of his Grand Officers, opened the Grand Council in ample form at 9 o'clock A. M., with prayer by the Illustrious Grand Chaplain, J. M. Pearse."

The portrait of the Grand Master is a frontispiece to the Proceedings.

In his Annual Address— a concise report of official duties discharged — the Grand Master says of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa:

"As the first Council in Iowa, Alpha, No. 1, was organized April 7, 1899, Cryptic Masonry in this state has had an independent existence of a little more than five years. It will be both interesting and instructive to review the numerical progress made in this period. On September 1, 1899, there were ten Councils, with a membership of 461. The Grand Council of Iowa was organized October 15, 1900, and at the close of that year there were twelve Councils, with a membership of 583. On December 31, 1901, there were thirteen Councils, with a membership of 629; on December 31, 1902, sixteen Councils, with 734 members, and on December 31, 1903, twenty Councils with 883 members. These figures show a healthy increase, and though some of the Councils are not as prosperous as they should be, the record thus far made indicates a like progress in the future."

He issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Councils.

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. R. C. Hoffman, reported a balance of $1,203.28 in the Grand Treasury.

A full report of all matters pertaining to the clerical department of the Grand Council was submitted by the Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Alf. Wingate.

Past M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. William F. Cleveland, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in twenty pages of the pamphlet under review, submitted a concise summary of the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Bodies.

In his review of New York he says *in re* change of the name of the Cryptic degrees:

"We notice that the amendment offered by Comp. Osgoodby to change the title of the Grand Council form 'Royal and Select Masters' to 'Cryptic Masons' was rejected. We are not surprised; in fact we should have been very much surprised if the amendment had been adopted. While the present name may not be quite as expressive as it should be, we believe it would have been a misfortune for New York to have cut loose from the nomenclature by which our rite has been known throughout the world, even if Companion Warvelle, of Illinois, did advocate the change and promise that the Grand Council of Illinois would fall in line. Better not tinker with the name, else confusion will surely follow."

Your Committee fully concurs in the impropriety and uselessness of any change. The present designation has been used for a century and a half and doubtless from their organization.

The Proceedings of Ohio for 1903, the Annual Address of Grand Master Jewett Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence are fraternally commended.

In his conclusion Comp. Cleveland thoughtfully says:

"The printed Proceedings of sister jurisdictions bear evidence, with but very few exceptions, that Cryptic Masonry is on the upgrade, steadily growing in membership, in importance, and in the hearts of its votaries. Occupying the peculiar position that it does in our Masonic system, its steady increase in membership is due almost entirely to the beauty of its ritual and its intimate connection with Ancient Craft Masonry."

A portrait of Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. Frederick W. Craig is contained in the Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. George R. Turner of Waterloo, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Alf. Wingate of Des Moines reelected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence M. Ill. Comp. W. F. Cleveland of Harlan.

The Sixth Annual Assembly will be held at Iowa City during the fourth week in September, 1905.

KANSAS, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 105. Leavenworth, 1905.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kansas was held in the city of Wichita, February 13, A. D. 1905, A. Dep.

2905, R. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Webb, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, nine.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, ten.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 94; affiliated, 13; reinstated, 2; number of dimitted, 19; died, 12; suspended, n. p. d., 66; recorder's certificate, 2.

Net gain current year, ten.

Total number of members, 1121.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, nine.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-one.

Ill. Comp. Thomas L. Bond of Salina, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

The portrait of the M. Ill. Grand Master, John C. Postlethwaite, faces the title page.

"A severe storm with snow, wind and very low temperature had been raging for the preceding forty-eight hours, delaying and blockading trains, and interfering greatly with railroad traffic. Many members of Grand Council were deterred from leaving home; some were snow-bound on trains, and several failed to reach Wichita until after the close of the Assembly. Among these was the Grand Master, his train not reaching Wichita until the morning after the close of the Grand Council.

"By order of the Acting Grand Master, the Grand Recorder called the roll of the councils, and it appearing that a constitutional number of Councils were represented, R. Ill. Charles J. Webb, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, opened the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas in due form, after prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain."

In his Annual Address the M. Ill. Grand Master congratulates the Companions upon the harmony and prosperity of the Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction, and in that connection says:

"Whenever a Council has been fortunate to secure earnest and zealous officers, a new era has dawned upon that Council and prosperity has abounded within its gates. An earnest, zealous devotion on the part of the officers of any Council, with the assistance of its membership will bring about such a revival that every

Crypt will give forth the sound of renewed work, and the light of a new day will dawn upon the sleeping Council.

"I am pleased to report that this Grand Council contains some very lively Councils, which by the efficiency of officers, and zeal of members have exerted influence in the Crypt, locally and throughout the Grand Jurisdiction."

A sympathetic tribute is paid to the memory of Past Deputy Grand Master, the late R. Ill. Comp. Jacob D. Rush, whose portrait is contained in the Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. Aaron H. Connett, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $701.78 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, Grand Recorder, reported that "Annual Returns and Dues" were received from all of the subordinate Councils on their roll.

The Committees on Appeals and Grievances, Jurisprudence and New Councils reported that no business had been submitted for their consideration.

A proposition to reduce the fees of the Council degrees to $5.00 was very wisely rejected "by nearly a unanimous vote."

R. Ill. Comp. William M. Shaver, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a very interesting report courteously reviewing in a paper of forty-seven pages the Proceedings of thirty-three Grand Councils. In reply to Comp. Merritt of California, in relation to the "Membership at large" feature in Kansas Cryptic Masonry he says:

"Well, we do not want any more of this class than we are compelled to have, but they are worth just a dollar more a year to the Grand Council and more to the 'Craft in general' than if they were lost on the rolls of a defunct Council. Once a year at least they are reminded that they have received the Cryptic degrees. We might remark to our Comp. Merritt that we never lose an opportunity to say to a companion of this class: 'Obtain your Grand Recorder's certificate and affiliate with a live Council,' — in fact, the plan is designed to emphasize just this course and to avoid the absolute loss to the rite that usually results from an arrested charter. The financial item is merely a practical argument."

As suggested by the writer a number of years since, a "membership at large" feature in all Masonic Grand Bodies would doubt-

less largely lessen the non-affiliate evil and its fees would add to the Charity Funds of the Grand Body.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council of Ohio for 1904 are courteously reviewed. He says that

"They have a pretty custom in the Grand Bodies of Ohio, namely, that of receiving with Masonic honors Grand and Past Grand Officers of other co-ordinate Masonic Bodies of the state."

He commends the Annual Address of Grand Master Lane. In relation to the unwise habit in some Councils of only "holding meetings when there is work," he quotes the views of Companion Lane, and says:

"We might go farther. There is a growing disposition in some Councils to hold only one or two Stated Assemblies in a year, call all others "Specials" and hold them only when there is work. We believe it is a mistake. The remarks of Grand Master Lane fit this condition admirably."

Mention is approvingly made of the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Evans and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Webb of Topeka, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. William M. Shaver of the same city re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas will be held in the city of Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 19, A. D. 1906. A. Dep. 2906, at 9 o'clock A. M.

KENTUCKY, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. ... Louisville, 1904.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky was held in the city of Louisville, October 17, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. Guy Barrett, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, twelve.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-two.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 87; affiliated, 1; reintsated, 6; number of dimitted, 5; died, 12; suspended, 8.

Net gain current year, sixty-nine.

Total number of members, 943.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, fifteen.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Fisk of Covington, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

The Grand Council "was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock P. M."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Guy Barrett, was very brief. In it he regretfully says:

"There have been no evidences of activity in Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky during the past year, and the duties of the present Grand Master have not been burdensome. We have in Kentucky about 25,000 Blue Lodge members. Four thousand seven hundred are Chapter Masons. There are three thousand Templars. Dues are paid on less than one thousand Council members. A deplorable lack of interest is evidently taken in this work."

Missionary visitations by the Grand Officers to the Subordinate Councils would doubtless soon cause a different showing to be made — a labor of love that would be self-remunerative from the "happy satisfaction of having faithfully performed" a voluntary duty for the benefit of the Craft.

M. Ill. Comp. William Ryan (since deceased), Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $345.42 in the Grand Treasury.

In his Annual Report V. Ill. Comp. H. B. Grant, Grand Recorder, recommends the publication of portraits of the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of that Grand Council and has had inserted in present pamphlet a photogravure of Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. Eusebius S. Mayes.

An appropriate eulogy of the late M. Ill. Comp. J. Soule Smith was reported by the Committee on Necrology. In it it is sympathetically said:

"Comp. Smith was a man destined by nature for eminence in any pursuit to which he chose to devote his attention. He was at once recognized as a lofty spirit, from whom it was impossible to withhold recognition and regard. He had in him such a combination of good gifts, of great endowments, that his Companions

knew him at once as a leader of men, whose birthright it was to excel. In Masonic circles he was particularly esteemed. Sound judgment, wide knowledge, a gift of expression that did not stop short of the phenomenal, made him the object of general esteem and often the idol of his brethren and Companions. To the literature of Masonry he has contributed strong and able papers, marked by that originality and charm of style which were his notable characteristics.

"We mourn Comp. Smith as one whose column was broken when his work was not yet done. It is true that he had toiled long and faithfully, and that his work was such as passed the trying square, but when he last met with us, a year ago, his natural force seemed not abated, and we were led to hope that he would long remain to cheer us by his presence and aid us with his counsel. Alas! it was not to be. As suddenly as the lightning from the cloud, the summons came, and our Companion went to death's mystery when scarcely past the meridian of manhood. His Companions, bereft, mourn his untimely going, but will cherish his memory as a precious legacy."

The personal recollections of the writer of our late eminent and genial Companion are especially delightful reminiscences.

In an interesting paper of twenty-six pages M. Ill. Comp. James W. Hopper, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits a concise abstract of the transactions of twenty-one Grand Bodies.

Of Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky he says in his review of Illinois:

"Cryptic Masonry receives less attention in this jurisdiction than its merits would justify, but the Councils have a number of faithful members devoted to the rite who are doing the best they can."

Ohio for 1903 receives courteous notice and the Annual Address of Grand Master Jewett Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence receive fraternal mention.

M. Ill. Comp. Joseph H. Ewalt of Paris was elected Grand Master and V. Ill. H. B. Grant of Louisville was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence M. Ill. Comp. J. W. Hopper of Louisville.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kentucky will be held in the city of Louisville, October 16, 1905.

LOUISIANA, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 48. New Orleans, 1904.

The Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Louisiana were respectively held in the city of New Orleans, February 4, A. D. 1904, and February 5, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, M. Ill. Comp. John S. Alfred presiding in 1904, and M. Ill. Comp. Gus. D. Levy, Grand Master, presiding in 1905.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council at Assembly in 1905, five.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, seven.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, two.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 80; affiliated, 13; died, 3; suspended, 2.

Net gain current year, eighty-eight.

Total number of members, 393.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, six.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, ten.

M. Ill. Comp. R. H. Cage of New Orleans, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, after prayer by M. Ill. Companion, the Rev. Herman C. Duncan."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Gus. D. Levy, was a brief report of official duties discharged and the Cryptic affairs of that Grand Council. In it he pays a well deserved tribute to the memory of that eminent Mason, the late M. Ill. Comp. Samuel Manning Todd, who was summoned to the world beyond, February 1, 1905. Of Comp. Todd Grand Master Levy says:

"Past Grand Master Todd was known either personally or by name to every member of this Grand Jurisdiction. His labors in the advancement of Freemasonry extended over a period of more than half a century; how he succeeded has been proved by the fact that every branch of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, in both the Grand and Subordinate Bodies, honored him by calling him at different times to preside over them. Of him it can be

truly said that round by round, he climbed the ladder that leads to fame in our Mystic Circle, and the purple of our fraternity fell upon his honored shoulders.

"Cryptic Masonry had in him a most ardent supporter. While on a visit to him shortly before his death, in congratulating me upon my advancement to this high and honored station, he informed me that of all the Masonic degrees he had received, none had impressed him more than did the degrees conferred within our Cryptic Circle.

"His life was a shining example of the teachings of our Fraternity; his death leaves us a memory that should prove an incentive for our emulation."

M. Ill. Comp. Levy issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Councils.

M. Ill. Comp. Robert H. Cage, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $527.13 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder, submitted a full report of all matters pertaining to that department of Grand Chapter affairs.

Charters were granted to the two Councils working under Dispensation. No report on Foreign Correspondence. M. Ill. Comp. Gus. D. Levy of New Orleans, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Richard Lambert of the same city was re-elected Grand Recorder.

"The Most Illustrious Grand Council, R. and S. M. of the State of Louisiana was closed in Ample Form, after prayer by M. Ill. Comp. Rev. Dr. Herman C. Duncan, until the Fifty-first Annual Grand Assembly, which will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, February 8, 1906."

MAINE, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 89. Portland, 1904.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maine was held in Portland, May 4, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, Comp. Wm. Freeman, Lord M. Ill. Grand Master in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, sixteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils, sixteen.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 195; affiliated, 1; reinstated, 2; number of dimitted, 7; died, 55; suspended from membership, 3.

Net gain current year, one hundred and thirty-three.

Total number of members, 3190.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, fourteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-seven.

Ill. Comp. Webster Hazelwood of Andover, Mass., the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in full and Ample Form."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Wm. Freeman Lord, says:

"There is no discord in our ranks, everything has been in perfect harmony throughout this jurisdiction the past year. The councils of this state are in the main doing good work and are showing marked improvement in the past three years which I have had the pleasure of witnessing."

Appropriate mention "in memoriam" is made of Past Grand Master, the late M. Ill. Comp. Algernon M. Roak of that Grand Jurisdiction, who had been summoned to the world beyond within the past year.

He reports that within the past year he had made an official visit to all of the Subordinate Councils in that State.

R. Ill. Comp. Leander Fobes, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $736.01 in the Grand Treasury.

The Law Committee and Committee on Dispensations reported that no business had been submitted for their consideration.

Companion Albro E. Chase, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having been elected M. Ill. Grand Master, the Grand Council, "on motion of Comp. Hugh R. Chaplin, voted, that for the present year the Grand Master be requested to serve as correspondent."

In a paper of forty pages M. Ill. Comp. Chase submits a careful digest of the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Bodies. In his review of California and in his conclusion special reference is made to the old cry of the "pre-requisite for the Orders of Knight-

hood" theory as a necessity for Crpytic existence — still made in a few Grand Jurisdictions, as an excuse for lack of interest in the beautiful and instructive grades of Royal and Select Master. Your Committee, and we infer that our M. Ill. Companion also, is not in sympathy with that played-out doleful refrain. The facts, easily substantiated, are that whenever the officers of Grand and Subordinate Councils take a lively interest in the Rite, in its work, in official visitations, and in an effort to impress upon the Craft at large the beauty of the degrees and their necessity for a correct understanding of Craft and Capitular Masonry—there the Council degrees flourish. It is also as well to consider the very important feature that as at present worked, Councils are not troubled with a class of members who have made use of the grades for the purpose only of Commandery membership. Cryptic Masonry, therefore, is indeed largely benefitted thereby in the select feature of its membership. The writer does not believe in either the necessity or expediency of any Grand Encampment pre-requisite legislation. The success of Cryptic Masonry and its high standing regardless of the many adverse circumstances with which it has had to contend and also with the supineness and defection of its pretended friends, is a sufficient guaranty of its ability to maintain its independent existence so far as any so-called higher grades are concerned and the title of a Royal and Select Master should become a true characteristic of all those who are advanced to its degrees — the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Courteous notice is extended to the "Proceedings" of Ohio for 1903 and commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of M. Ill. Comp. Jewett Palmer, the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and of the Ohio Masonic Home.

M. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase of Portland was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Stephen Berry of the same city re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of "Committee on Correspondence," M. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase of Portland.

MARYLAND, 1903-4.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 52. Baltimore, 1904.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maryland was held in the city of Baltimore, November 18, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903, M. Ill. Comp. C. C. Isaacs, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, one.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, fourteen.

R. Ill. Comp. John M. Center of Baltimore, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master declined a re-election having served in that official position for three years. The proceedings of that year are now of local interest only.

MARYLAND, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 52. Baltimore, 1904.

The Thirty-first Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maryland was held in the city of Baltimore, November 16, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. James F. Allen, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, six.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, eleven.

Number of "Advanced", 145; affiliated, 4; reinstated, 1; number of dimitted, 9; died, 35; suspended, u. c., 2; dropped from roll, 13.

Net gain, ninety-one.

Total number of members, 827.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, one.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, eleven.

R. Ill. Comp. John M. Carter of Baltimore, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form."

The portrait of M. Ill. Comp. James F. Allen, Grand Master, is a frontispiece to the Pamphlet under review.

In his Annual Address Grand Master Allen says:

"While we are making an advance from year to year, the progress and interest are not so great as could be desired, nor so great as the beauties of the work of the Secret Vault merits, or as the importance of these Degrees in the superstructure of Masonry demands.

"Several suggestions have been made in other Jurisdictions for the benefit of Cryptic Masonry, most of which are more or less impracticable.

"The system of Grand Visitations is generally commended.

"The most practicable method, in this Jurisdiction at least, seems to be a greater activity on the part of the officers of the Subordinate Councils and greater zeal in making known to Royal Arch Masons the importance and beauty of the Royal and Select Degrees, and finally greater devotion to the noble principles of our Art and greater care to show forth those principles in our daily walk and conversation."

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. Gustav A. Eitel, reported a balance of $224.32 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Graham Dukehart, Grand Lecturer, reported that he had made an official visit to each one of the Subordinate Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction.

R. Ill. Comp. John M. Carter, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corerspondence, reported the receipt of the Annual Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils and says:

"Their perusal has been interesting and instructive, showing the Cryptic Rite to be in a flourishing condition throughout the country, and it would be a pleasure to comment upon them if our finances would admit of publishing a report of correspondence."

The Grand Master reported that one of their Subordinate Country Councils (King Solomon No. 13) had a larger membership "than the Chapter located at the same place."

M. Ill. Comp. James F. Allen of Rockville was re-elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. James Bowers re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. Ill. Comp. John M. Carter of Baltimore.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maryland will be held at Baltimore, November 22, 1905.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 128. Boston, 1904.

The Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Massachusetts was held in Boston, December 14, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Companion Forest E. Barker, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, nineteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-eight.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Number of "Advanced" current year, and affiliated, 387; number of dimitted, 85; died, 117; suspended, 276.

Net loss current year, ninety-one.

Total number of members, 6,570.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, four.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, fourteen.

R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite of Medford, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance as Grand Recorder.

"The entrance of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Officers was proclaimed by Ill. Comp. Fred M. Sampson, Grand Master of Ceremonies, at 9 o'clock A. M., and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, Ill. Comp. M. Perry Sargent officiating at the Altar."

In his Annual Address Grand Master Barker says of their loss in membership:

"We have had an anomalous experience in respect to our membership. Although the number affiliated during the year has been unusually large, the number of members at the close of the year is nearly one hundred less than at its beginning, owing entirely to the extraordinary number of suspensions reported. Nearly one-half of these were due to the judicious pruning of the membership in a single Council which, however, still remains the largest in the Jurisdiction, and probably in the world. Until a few years ago this Council had no annual dues, a portion of its membership had become widely scattered and all trace of them lost. It now reports its present membership to be 'all present or accounted for'."

In relation to the establishment of new Councils he justly says:

"The location of a new Council not only calls for the exercise of a sound discretion as to Masonic needs in any particular locality, but there should be ample evidence that those seeking the privilege of a new charter fully recognize the financial burdens which such Masonic relation imposes and are ready and willing to assume them. The time for a full and careful consideration of these facts is when the Grand Body is considering the issue of a dispensation rather than a charter, as the conditions are simpler, and much more easily dealt with at that time before many new interests become involved."

M. Ill. Comp. William B. Lawrence, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $1,125.44 in the Grand Treasury and the Trustees of the funds reported total securities on hand $4,191.34.

The Grand Recorder, R. M. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, reported that "an abstract of the Returns of the several Subordinate Councils indicates a healthy condition of the Rite."

The Grand Council voted its approval "of the practice of calling Special Assemblies for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the Degrees, and consider that the money spent for this purpose is well expended."

The Report of Foreign Correspondence submitted by R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, Chairman of the Committee, is an interesting paper of sixty-six pages in which the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Bodies are concisely and courteously reviewed. Ohio, it is to be regretted, is not among the number under consideration.

In his review of Tennessee he pertinently says in relation to officially conferring degrees for Subordinate Councils:

"We have not a very exalted opinion of the Grand Bodies either as a body or by its Grand Lecturer, doing the ritualistic work of the Subordinate Bodies. As men learn things by doing them, so let the Councils learn the Ritual by rendering it."

As he says of the Correspondence Report of Comp. Cleveland of Iowa that:

"The closing paragraphs of his conclusion indicates his belief in the ability of Cryptic Masonry to sustain itself upon its own merits."

So, too, the following from his conclusion indicates his faith in the independent character and permanence of Cryptic Masonry:

"Notwithstanding the impediments which lie in the way of the greatest success and advancement of the Rite, it is encouraging to see and mark the steady gain that is making all along the line. With the weeding out of the weak, and the survival of the fittest, must come ultimate success of a high order."

M. Ill. Comp. Forrest E. Baker of Worcester was re-elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite of Boston re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of the "Committee on Correspondence."

MICHIGAN, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 137. Port Huron, 1905.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was held in the city of Detroit, January 16, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. Bayard A. Church, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fifty-four.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fifty-eight.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 509; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 9; number of dimitted, 25; died, 77; suspended, 45.

Net gain current year, three hundred and seventy-nine.

Total number of members, 5498.

Number of emeritus members, two hundred and forty.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, fifteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-five.

M. Ill. Comp. George A. Cross of Lawrence, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form and the companions were led in devotional exercises addressed to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain. While all remained standing the following hymn was sung by all:

"My Country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee we sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's Pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

"Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With Freedom's holy light,
Protect the "Cryptic Rite,"
Great God our King.'

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Dallas D. Alton, faces the title page of the "Proceedings."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master says:

"The year about to close has been one of steady and conservative growth and one in which the utmost harmony prevails in all matters relating to the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction."

And also justly says:

"The life of every Council rests with its officers. Companions, learn the work, and learn to do it well. Hold regular meetings and work at every one of them. If not favored with a candidate, select one of your number and work one of the degrees. This will create interest and interest will bring new work."

And —

"Initiation in Masonry must be sought by the profane, but having been gained it is your duty to lead the younger brother to further light. Each and every one of you know some Companion who would gladly receive these blessings if you would but present the subject to him in a proper manner and it is your duty to him and to your Council to do so."

M. Ill. Comp. Charles M. Norton, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $2,587.42 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Conover, in his Annual Report states that returns and dues had been received from each Subordinate Council, and that:

"There is no question but that if we put our energy into the work that our membership could be doubled. There are over

10,000 Royal Arch Masons in this state and more making, who ought to have the benefit of these beautiful degrees to completely round the Masonic story they have been learning, and it is the manifest duty of each of us to interest them in the work."

As Michigan is already the third in numerical strength in its membership among the Grand Councils of the world — following Massachusetts, a close second to Ohio, which holds first place — the official spirit of interest and enthusiasm manifested will doubtless enable that Grand Council to maintain its acquired place.

A portrait of Past M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. John Clark and Past. M. Ill. Grand Master Seaman L. Dart are contained in the Proceedings.

In an interesting paper of sixty-eight pages the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, R. M. Comp. Charles A. Conover, submits a courteous summary of the "Proceedings" of thirty Grand Bodies.

In his introductory Comp. Conover says:

"In spite of the extraordinary effort put forth by New York, we in Michigan have our 'claws' on third place yet, and if the ratio of gains continues we need have no unnecessary alarm, but we must push ahead and like the good soldier, never look behind but keep our eyes on the collar of the fellow ahead. At present that fellow is Ohio."

Under Kentucky he justly expresses his disapproval of any "free list" for the Cryptic degrees.

Nearly four pages of his report are accorded to a fraternal review of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Ohio. Commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Jewett Palmer, the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Evans, the Report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home, and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his review of Vermont he says of Grand Master Robinson:

"He thinks Vermont is the only Grand Council having so low a fee and recommends it be increased to $10.00. Michigan still gets along with the small fee of five paltry dollars for three degrees and yet who says Masonry is expensive?"

Ten dollars is certainly a small enough fee, and it is to be hoped that it will soon be generally recognized as the minimum fee for the Grades. The low price at which these beautiful degrees

were held has doubtless been largely the cause of their not having been more popular with the Fraternity.

M. Ill. Comp. Bayard A. Church of St. Louis was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Conover of Coldwater re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan will be held in the city of Saginaw, May 14, 1906.

MINNESOTA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 63. St. Paul, 1904.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, October 10, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. Thomas G. Lee, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, seven.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, seven.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 51; affiliated, 5; number of dimitted, 6; died, 12; stricken from roll, 8.

Net gain current year, thirty.

Total number of members, 772.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, eleven.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-three.

R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery of St. Paul, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

All the Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

M. P. Comp. A. P. Swanstrom, General Grand Master, was called to the East and given the Grand Honors in recognition of his exalted official position.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Thomas G. Lee, is a frontispiece to the pamphlet under review.

Grand Master Lee in his Annual Address states that "Council Masonry is slowly but steadily growing throughout the country."

Of the Rite he justly says:

"The Cryptic degrees form with those of the Blue Lodge and Chapter a trinity whose parts are so closely interwoven and interrelated that no man can rightfully be considered a well informed and fully equipped Mason without possessing *all* these degrees. I speak from experience, and I believe many other Companions present will corroborate me when I say that nowhere among all the beautiful and instructive degrees conferred in either the York or Scottish Rites are there any more beautiful degrees than those given in the Royal and Select Master's degrees, or more impressive lessons taught. This being the case, why should we need to try to increase our membership by making those degrees pre-requisite to the so-called 'higher degrees.' Rather let us endeavor to work them in so impressive, elaborate and perfect a manner that we will draw to us all those who love Masonry for its own sake; these will come to us with true and squarely cut blocks to fit into the arches of our crypt, and much more durable and permanent will be the results obtained from these faithful and skilled workmen than can possibly be gotten by the transitory assistance of a larger number of inefficient craftsmen who are hastening along to don the panoply of war, or are seeking ease under the palms in some oasis in the desert."

With all of which your Committee is heartily in accord.

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. G. W. Merrill, reported a balance of $786.54 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder, reported that returns had been received from each of the Subordinate Councils of that Grand Jurisdiction.

M. P. Comp. A. P. Swanstrom, General Grand Master, addressed the Grand Council in the interest of Cryptic Masonry in general, and made a special appeal that earnest efforts be made during the next two years to increase the membership in this Grand Jurisdiction. Grand Master Lee seconded his request."

R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submits, in forty-two pages a concise review of the Proceedings of the Grand Councils under consideration. The Proceedings of Ohio for 1903 receive courteous notice. Commendatory reference is made to the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In concluding his report Comp. Montgomery says:

"Cryptic Masonry is certainly growing in all sections of the

country, but it flourishes in some states far more than in others. It seems destined to not only hold its own, but to grow as rapidly, if not more so, than the other branches of Masonry."

M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Bevan of Minneapolis was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery of St. Paul re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota will be held in St. Paul, October 8, 1905.

MISSISSIPPI, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 45. Vicksburg, 1905.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the city of Jackson, February 21, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. John S. Cable, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, thirty-one.

Number of Chartered Councils making returns, twenty-nine.

Number of Chartered Councils on the roll, forty-three.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 125; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 17; number of dimitted, 40; died, 23; expelled, 1; suspended, n. p. d., 32.

Net gain current year, fifty-four.

Total number of members, 1439.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, two.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, eighteen.

Ill. Comp. S. M. Roane of West Point, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was not only not in attendance, but a black line in the Mississippi list of Grand Representatives, instead of his name, would indicate his demise although not stated in the Proceedings.

The Grand Council was opened in Due Form, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

M. Ill. Comp. Phineas M. Savery, Grand Master, being prevented by illness from being in attendance the Grand Council by a

unanimous standing vote, before proceeding to business ordered the following telegram sent, viz:

"The Grand Council offers its most affectionate sympathy and condolence to its beloved Grand Master, upon whom it prays God's love may abound."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master was read by the Deputy. In it he says of the early history of that Grand Body that in 1855 twenty-nine Companions assembled in the city of Jackson and formed a Grand Council, and

"The Grand Council thus formed, held but one other assembly at which Amos R. Johnston was elected 'Grand Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and with it the record, or at least all that has been preserved of it, stops. The degrees had prior to this time been in the custody of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, which body immediately issued an address 'to the Royal and Select Masters and Royal Arch Masons of the State of Mississippi' proclaiming it a clandestine body and in rebellion against legally constituted authority over the Rite, a copy of which was included by Companion Speed, in the Reprint of our early proceedings.

"January 2, 1856, a convention of Royal and Select Masters was conveyed at Natchez, pursuant to 'the mandate of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem,' over which Companion Benjamin Springer, presided and adopted a constitution which was submitted for ratification to the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, which 'ordained and decreed' that on the final adoption of the constitution proposed by the convention, to 'convey to said Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters all the right, title and interest of said Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, in and to said Royal and Select degrees and full and independent jurisdiction over the same in the State of Mississippi.'

"The Convention then adjourned and met in Vicksburg, January 18, 1856, and finally adopted the constitution and on January 19th organized this Grand Council, electing Benjamin Springer Most Puissant Grand Master, Giles Mumford Hillyer, Deputy Puissant Grand Master, and Charles Kopperl, Grand Thrice Illustrious. William P. Mellen, who was the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, being chosen Grand Recorder. From a resolution of thanks to Companions Hillyer, Mellen and Springer, in healing 'dissentions and producing order out of confusion,' it is presumed that they prevailed upon the Jackson, or first, Grand Council, to give up its organization."

The foregoing is an interesting episode in Cryptic history in the United States.

R. Ill. Comp. Gus J. Bahin, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $818.61 in the Grand Treasury.

The General Grand Council ritual was adopted by the Grand Council.

The business of the Annual Assembly related to local affairs. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

As the Installing Officer, M. Ill. Comp. Frederic Speed, very appropriately "expressed the sentiments of love and sympathy which went out from the hearts of all the Companions toward the Grand Master of the Grand Council, Companion Phineas M. Savery, in this his hour of deepest affliction, when death had robbed him of the companion of his bosom for fifty years and he himself lay upon a bed of sickness and said, it seemed as if there had been no Grand Council in the absence of the central figure around which it revolved and towards whom they all looked with implicit confidence for guidance. He said that but for Companion Savery's endeavors the Royal and Select degrees would in all probability be still reposing 'within the bosoms of the Chapters,' and that it was owing to his faithfulness and zeal that we owe our present degree of prosperity. May our Father, which is in Heaven, throw around him the sheltering arms of His love and ever be a shield and defence against every stormy wind that blows to him—and long preserve him in strength and usefulness to the Craft he has served so long and well."

M. Ill. Comp. Phineas M. Savery, of Tupels, was reelected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Frederic Speed, of Vicksburg, reelected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Mississippi will be held at Brookhaven—date to be hereafter stated.

MISSOURI, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 66. St. Louis, 1905.

The Fortieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri was held in the City of St. Louis, April 25, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Gibbon W. Carson, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, ten.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fourteen.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 192; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 4; number of dimitted, 32; died, 13; suspended, 15.

Net gain current year, one hundred and forty-four.

Total membership, 1,231.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, ten.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-two.

M. Ill. Comp. John R. Parsons, of St. Louis, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio, near that Grand Council was in attendance

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Gibbon W. Carson, faces the title page of the Printed Proceedings.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is an enthusiastic business paper reciting his official acts and recommendations. Under the head of Necrology he appropriately says of the late Eminent Comp. Rev. Dr. John C. Vincil:

"Our loss was irreparable in the death of Brother and Companion John D. Vincil; the benefits of his labor for Masonry, the broad scope of his charity for mankind, the influence of his Christian teaching on the community, the uprightness of his character, and the simple purity of his private life, entitles him to the high commendation of 'a man among men, a Mason true, a Christian ever.' His death occurred October 12th, 1904."

R. Ill. Comp. Noah M. Givan, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $1,854.15 in the Grand Treasury.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that there was "Nothing claiming their attention."

A Resolution was adopted providing for the purchase of Jewels for Past Grand Masters.

A portrait of the late M. Ill. Comp. William R. Renick is contained in the Proceedings.

M. Ill. Comp. William H. Mayo, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a very interesting review in

thirty pages of the Proceedings under consideration and also the usual carefully prepared table of statistics, which your Committee, if space permit, will append to this report and due acknowledgements are herewith extended to our M. Ill. Companion therefor.

In his review of Illinois he quotes Comp. Warvelle's views of Cryptic Masonry in Texas says that:

"Masonry in general seems in good condition, and while the Cryptic degrees might not attain the same importance as other branches of Masonry, they would undoubtedly assume the same relative position with respect to the Chapter that they hold in other localities."

Ohio for 1904 receives courteous notice and commendatory mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Lane, the Ohio Masonic Home and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Of Cryptic prosperity in Ohio he says:

"Intelligent, educated, zealous officers and Grand Officers, who know and appreciate their duties and will perform them, can soon enthuse the membership in any organization and can build it up in membership and influence, and particularly so is this the case in Freemasonry."

And in his conclusion he says that —

"Ohio leads all the rest, both in membership and net gains, by several hundred in each. Michigan, with no very large metropolitan cities, and a comparatively small total population, is making wonderful strides, distancing many of her older and more populous sisters, being third in membership and fourth in net increase. New York is fourth in membership and sixth in net increase. Missouri, while having steadily increased for the past decade, is yet in a class with Kansas, Mississippi and Vermont, being a star of the sixteenth magnitude only."

Of his own work as correspondent he says:

"We now rest from our labors in this field of the moral vineyard, and in bidding *au revoir* to our many friends and co-workers, we must thank them from the depths of a grateful heart for the many, many kind things that they have said and written of us, our labors and our Jurisdiction."

With regrets at losing the valuable services of our M. Ill. Companion in this field of Masonic labor your Committee begs to extend him fraternal regards and best wishes.

M. Ill. Comp. Martin T. Balsley of Joplin was elected Grand

Master and M. Ill. Comp. Robert F. Stevenson of Kansas City was elected Grand Recorder.

Correspondent, M. Ill. Comp. William F. Kuhn of Kansas City.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri will be held in Kansas City, April 24, 1906.

NEBRASKA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 44. Omaha, 1905.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Nebraska was held in the city of Omaha, December 14, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. Gustave Anderson, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fourteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, nineteen.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, three.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 118; affiliated, 5; reinstated, etc., 8; number of dimitted, 3; died, 7; expelled, 1; suspended, 12.

Net gain current year, one hundred and eight.

Total number of members, 845.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, eight.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, eighteen.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Phelps of Schuyler, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

"A council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in full form."

"It being ascertained that a constitutional number of constituent councils was represented, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Council open for the transaction of business."

"The Deputy Grand Master then read the address of the Grand Master, who was unable to be present on account of serious illness in his family."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Arthur Truesdell, says:

"My efforts have been along the line of renewing interest in the dormant or partly dormant councils, rather than in the granting of dispensations for new ones, and a fairly good result, I believe, has been accomplished."

The Address is a concise report of official duties discharged.

R. Ill. Comp. John S. Harman, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $780.99 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Francis E. White, reported that he had, after much labor, "prepared a card register of the Chartered Councils."

On report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, three Subordinate Councils were continued under dispensation.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was voted to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Flowers and the sympathy of the Grand Council were ordered to be sent to Past Grand Master Wheeler, confined to his home by an injury.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence consisted of a review by Grand Representatives of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils and the General Grand Council.

Ohio, for 1903, was courteously reviewed by Grand Representative M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Phelps.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer, the Ohio Masonic Home and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence receive commendatory mention.

M. Ill. Comp. Gustave Anderson, of Omaha, was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Francis E. White, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Nebraska will be held at Omaha, December 12, 1905.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 46. Concord, 1904.

The Forty-third Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord, May 16, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. J. Brodie Smith, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fourteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fourteen.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 171; affiliated, 13; reinstated, 1; number of dimitted, 56; died, 37; dropped, n. p. d., 7.

Net gain current year, eighty-five.

Total number of members, 1787.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, nine.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, seventeen.

Ill. Comp. Jesse M. Durrell, of Tilton, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance although his name does not appear in the list of Grand Representatives present.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form at four o'clock in the afternoon, with prayer by Ill. and Rev'd Companion Jesse M. Durrell, Grand Chaplain."

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. J. Brodie Smith, faces the title page.

In his Annual Address, a brief recital of Official Affairs claiming his attention, the Grand Master congratulates the Companions upon the peace and harmony prevailing within that Grand Jurisdiction, and that "greater interest is taken in Council degrees, and Cryptic Masonry is now well established on a firm foundation."

An official visit was made to each one of the Subordinate Councils.

The Committee on Finance reported a balance of $912.24 in the Grand Treasury.

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

Although the following record is contained in the Proceedings, viz:

"The Grand Recorder presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and on motion of R. I. Companion Fred E. French it was accepted and ordered printed with the Proceedings of this Assembly. (See Appendix.)"

Yet the pamphlet under review contains no Report on Foreign Correspondence, the Binder having substituted a duplicate

of the Proceedings instead—much to the regret of your Committee.

M. Ill. Comp. Harry M. Cheney, of Lebanon, was elected Grand Master, and M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, of Concord, was elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, of Concord.

NEW JERSEY, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 63. Flemington, 1905.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton, March 21, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, M. Ill. Comp. Samuel Glover Rudderow, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, five.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, seven.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 71; reinstated, etc., 3; number of demitted, 2; died, 9; suspended, 12.

Net gain current year, fifty-one.

Total number of members, 676.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, fourteen.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, fifteen.

M. Ill. Comp. Linsley Rowe of Jersey City, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Samuel Glover Rudderow, assisted by his Associate Grand Officers. Divine blessing being invoked by the Grand Chaplain, M. I. Companion Daniel Demarest."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a concise business paper reporting his official acts. In it he justly says of his official visitations:

"My impressions found from inspections are that the absence

of quorum so often recorded on the Council records could be avoided if officers would impress upon the minds of the Companions the importance of holding stated assemblies.

M. Ill. Comp. G. B. Slack, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $135.17 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. John B. Berkholf, Grand Recorder, reported that annual returns and dues had been "received from all the Councils."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, Warrants and Dispensations and Charity reported that no business had been submitted for their consideration.

M. Ill. Comp. Hiram E. Deats, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a concise and interesting review of the Proceedings of the Grand Bodies under consideration. Ohio for 1903 and 1904 receives courteous notice. The Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer, the Annual Address of Grand Master Lane and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence are fraternally commended.

In his reviews of Illinois he quotes Comp. Warvelle's opinion concerning the form of the Cryptic Apron, viz:

"I note that in New Hampshire they still preserve the ancient form of a Select Master's apron—the triangle; also, the old symbolic colors: black and red. I sincerely trust the spirit of uniformity, or conformity, or deformity, or whatever else you may choose to call it, will never succeed in seducing the Companions of New Hampshire from the old way or cause them to abandon that time-honored apron in favor of the style now worn in our own and many other jurisdictions. I thought we made a poor move when we discarded the old form and colors, and I think so still."

In the opinion of your Committee the change was very unwise, and in Ohio, where it originated probably, was principally advocated in the interest of regalia manufacturers to avoid, as stated, "the necessity of carrying in stock such a variety in style and shape of aprons." The opinion of Companion Mordhurst of Indiana, in favor of the change, is also quoted in the same connection. The emblematic triangle or delta is inseparable from the symbolism of Cryptic Masonry and also of Capitular Masonry, and its form given to the Council Apron was doubtless not in any sense the invention of Mackey as suggested by Comp. Mordhurst, but originates in the M. M. degree. The change is but another instance in which commercialism was permitted to supersede Symbolism.

M. Ill. George W. Morrow of Jersey City, was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. John B. Bertholf of the same city re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. Hiram E. Deats of Flemington.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Jersey will be held in the City of Trenton, March 20, 1906.

NEW YORK, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 105. Troy, 1904.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York was held in the Village of Saratoga Springs, August 30, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. John R. Gardner, in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, twenty-four.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-five.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 289; affiliated, 10; reinstated, 9; number of dimitted, 35; died, 61; expelled, 1; suspended, 45.

Net gain current year, one hundred and sixty-six.

Total number of members, 4,860.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, ten.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-six.

Ill. Comp. James Chambers of New York, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form as per program," viz:

1. Overture—*Zampa* ..... Herold
2. Entrance of Grand Master and Grand Officers.....Russell

   N. Y. Grand Council Processional March, Organ and Orchestra
3. Salutation .....

4. Organ and Orchestra—*The Holy City*.....Adams
5. Opening of Grand Council .....
6. Concert Solo and Orchestra—*The Trumpeter of Sackingen* ....Nessler
7. Prayer .... Grand Chaplain
8. Chorus.....

Air—America.

(Companions will rise and unite in singing)

My Country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of Liberty,
Of thee we sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our father's God, to thee
Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect the "Cryptic Rite"
Great God our King.

9. Proclamation ..... Grand Marshal
10. Doxology .....

Be thou, O God, exalted high,
And as thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till thou art here as there obeyed.

11. Roll Call ..... Grand Recorder

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Gardner whose portrait with that of Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. John N. Macomb precedes the title page of the Proceedings, is an interesting Masonic paper of twenty-one pages. Of their place of meeting he says:

"We are met upon historic ground, Saratoga is inseparably linked with a memorable epoch in the struggle for American independence, now surrounded by fields big with promise of immeasurable harvest, then a tractless wilderness.

In the second year of that conflict the British by one overwhelming blow contemplated the complete overthrow of the Colonists, the capture of the yeomen comprising the Continental forces, and their subjugation to the Crown. For that purpose it was planned to concentrate at Saratoga by way of Canada, an army sufficient to sweep all before it and with resistless force march down the Valley of the Hudson and end the war. The God of battles willed otherwise. The British column approaching from Bennington was intercepted by Stark, the column approaching from Oswego, met its doom at Oriskany under Herkimer, while the column

under Burgoyne was signally defeated by Gates. If there had been no Bennington, no Oriskany, no Saratoga, there would have been no Yorktown. The three patriots, Stark, Gates and Herkimer were members of our Fraternity."

In his Conclusion he says:

"During my term of office I have endeavored to work with one object constantly before me, that of increasing our membership, and making our position in this great State, equal in proportion to the other Grand Bodies of New York. In all branches of Freemasonry, in point of membership, the Empire State "leads the world," and although it is progressing and increasing yearly, the Cryptic Craft in this State has still to acknowledge the numerical superiority of several other jurisdictions, not of the same relative strength in the prerequisite Bodies."

M. Ill. Comp. George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $1199.25 in the Grand Treasury.

The supervision of the Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. George Van Vliet, is in evidence in the handsome appearance of the Annual Proceedings.

"M. Ill. Companion George A. Newell, as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, as well as General Grand Marshal of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, was welcomed by the M. Ill. Grand Master."

The Committee "on Warrants, Grievances and Appeals," "on Constitution and Laws" and "on Unfinished Business" reported that no matters of business had been submitted for their consideration.

Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. John W. Coburn Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in an interesting paper of fifty pages courteously and carefully reviews the "Proceedings" under consideration. Ohio for 1903 is accorded four pages of fraternal mention and the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence are commended.

Conservative in his views, the judicious criticism and brief comments of M. Ill. Comp. Coburn are not suggestive of discussion.

M. Ill. Comp. Irving L'Hommedieu of Medina, was elected

Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Geo. Van Vliet of New York City re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence M. Ill. Com. John W. Coburn of Demarest, New Jersey.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 82. Wilmington, 1904.

The Twenty-eight Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina was held in the City of Raleigh, June 15, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, five.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, five.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 38; died, 6; expelled, 1; suspended, n. p. d., 1; suspended, u. c., 4.

Net gain current year, twenty-six.

Total number of members, 187.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, two.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, eleven.

M. Ill. Comp. W. S. Liddell of Charlotte, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"A constitutional number of Councils being represented, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form."

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Andrews, in his Annual Address congratulates the Companions of North Carolina upon the improvement in the state of the Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction and in his conclusion says:

"With the reviving interest being shown in Cryptic Masonry let us all try to do our part and thereby place the Rite in this Jurisdiction upon the proper standing which it deserves."

M. Ill. Comp. Andrews was an honored visitor of the Grand Council of Ohio at Columbus in 1904.

R. Ill. Comp. M. S. Willard, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $50.80 in the Grand Treasury.

The "sympathy and love" of the Grand Council, with hopes for his speedy recovery, was extended to M. Ill. Comp. James Southgate, who was prevented by illness from being in attendance.

The portrait of Past Grand Master Southgate faces the title page of the Pamphlet under review.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by M. Ill. Comp. Southgate, Chairman of the Committee, is an interesting Masonic paper of fifty-three pages in which the "Proceedings" of thirty Grand Bodies are courteously reviewed. The Proceedings of Ohio for 1903, the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence receive fraternal approval.

He extends congratulations to the Companions of Ohio upon the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and commends the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Resurrection Morn seems to have dawned upon the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry in this country. From every direction we see signs of the "coming forth" from long years of lethargy and inaction, workmen ready to enter the vaults for new discoveries. 'Even Florida is showing signs of life, and will, ere long, we trust, be strong and vigorous. We send greetings to all our Companions, especially those who have thought well of our efforts, in keeping our Grand Council informed through their reports of the workings of the Rite in our Country, and may the prospects grow brighter as the years come and go, and may the harbinger of peace and good-will ever rest upon us."

M. Ill. Comp. A. B. Andrews of Raleigh was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. James C. Munds of Wilmington re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. James Southgate of Durham.

OREGON, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 24. Eugene, 1905.

The Twentieth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon was held at Eugene, April 12, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, R. Ill. Comp. O. A.

Dearing, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, four.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, five.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 31; affiliated, 15; number of dimitted, 2; died, 6; stricken from the roll, 2.

Net gain current year, thirty-six.

Total number of members, two hundred and eighty-nine.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, four.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, six.

M. Ill. Comp. A. L. Rumsel of Portland, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"Grand Council was opened in Ample Form" by the Grand Master.

In the opening of his Annual Address acting Grand Master O. A. Dearing states that:

"On Thursday, December 15, 1904, the office of M. Ill. Grand Master of this Grand Council became vacant by the sudden death, at his home in Corvallis, of Seymour Chipman, who died at the ripe age of 72, after being a Mason for 42 years.

"A suitable record of his Masonic career, and tribute to his fidelity and worth, was prepared and duly transmitted to the several Grand Councils of the Country, and to all constituent Councils in this jurisdiction, with instructions to pay fitting tribute to the memory of our illustrious Companion.

"In moral tone, fidelity to duty, strict integrity and truth; in a pure and exemplary Masonic life, our Companion's career constitutes a bright example, worthy of admiration and emulation."

Of Masonic Charity the Grand Master justly says:

"I believe that deliberate indifference and lack of interest in our order is an exceedingly rare cause for the non-payment of dues, compared to absolute inability to pay.

"The right of a brother to relief when in distress, not only from his own lodge but from his brethren whithersoever he journeys, is as old as Masonry itself. Let us respect that right.

"A Companion meets business reverses, and requires every penny to meet his obligations and sustain himself and those de-

pending upon him in the necessities of life, and this brother must either publicly humiliate himself by an open confession of hard times, slack business or bad judgment, before his social and business associates in an open Masonic body, or feign an indifference toward the institution which he loves. The class of men of whom Free Masons are made should never be forced to suffer humiliation at the hands of the craft, either individually or collectively.",

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. S. Bullock, reported a balance of $251.85 in the Grand Treasury.

R. Ill. Comp. Seth L. Pope, Grand Recorder, reported that one Dispensation had been issued for the establishment of a new Council.

A Charter was granted to one new Council.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Octavius A. Dearing of Portland was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Seth L. Pope of the same city re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held at McMinnville, April 11, 1906.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 124. So. Bethlehem, 1905.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Pennsylvania was held at Altoona, February 28, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, M. Ill. Comp. David O. McCollum, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fifteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, twenty-four.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 509; affiliated, etc., 53; number of dimitted, 17; died, 60; suspended, 36.

Net gain current year, four hundred and forty-nine.

Total number of members, 3049.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, nine.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, thirteen.

M. Ill. Comp. James B. Youngson of Pittsburg, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"A constitutional number of Councils being represented, the Most Puissant Grand Master opened the Grand Council in ample form at 2 o'clock P. M."

The portrait of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. David O. McCollum, is a frontispiece to the "Proceedings."

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is a very complete report of visitations, recommendations and other official acts of the current year.

Of Cryptic affairs he says:

"It is with much gratification that I am able to report that without our jurisdiction cordial and fraternal relations with all sister Grand Councils continue to exist, and within it peace, harmony and prosperity."

M. Ill. Comp. Joel S. Eaby, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $1771.24 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. Frank W. Martenis, Grand Recorder, submitted a very complete report of all matters pertaining to the Secretareate.

Portraits of Past Grand Masters M. Ill. Companions Charles Cary and Charles K. Francis are contained in the Brochure under review.

A Testimonial was voted to be procured and presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The Semi Centennial Address, contained in the Proceedings, of Past Grand Master Charles K. Francis is an interesting historical paper. In it he says:

"As Dr. Albert G. Mackey is credited with giving to the Chapter degrees the designation of 'Capitular Freemasonry,' so it appears that Dr. Rob. Morris, universally recognized as the poet of Freemasonry, and the author of that greatest of Masonic songs, "We meet upon the level and we part upon the square," is entitled to the distinction of giving to the Council degrees the title of 'Cryptic Freemasonry.' In an article in the *American Freemason,* published at Louisville, Ky., and of which Dr. Morris was the editor,

bearing date of December 1, 1855, (Vol. IV, No. 4, p. 31,) I find the following statement, viz: 'We have long cast about for a proper adjective to express the degrees of the Council (Royal and Select Master) as those of the lower and higher orders are expressed. Cryptic, of course, relates to crypt, and may be defined 'relating to a subterranean cave.' Then the Cryptic Order of Masonry must signify that which relates to subterranean Masonry, which is exactly appropriate to our subject. It was considered a happy expression of Dr. Mackey's to express the Chapter degrees by the word 'Capitular.' Give us then the credit of 'Cryptic.' We now have the circle complete—(1) Symbolic, (2) Capitular, (3) Cryptic, (4) Chivalric."

"The Premier Council of Pennsylvania, Washington Council No. 1, of Washington, Washington County, began its existence November 10, 1847, antedating our Grand Council a little more than seven years. The next Council organized in the State, Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, of Pittsburg, dates its establishment from June 5, 1848. Our Grand Council came into being December 30, 1854. It appears that an effort had been made at Pittsburg, a few years previous, to create a Grand Council but it failed of success. Our Grand Council constituted two Councils in New Jersey, one at New Brunswick in 1856, and the other at Trenton in 1860. In November, 1860, these two Councils united with a Council established by the Grand Council of New York, and organized the present Grand Council of New Jersey. Our Grand Council has under its jurisdiction at the present time twenty-four Councils with over three thousand members. The oldest Grand Council in the United States is that of Connecticut, established in the year 1819. There are at present in the United States thirty-five Grand Councils with six hundred and sixty Subordinate Councils, embracing about sixty thousand members."

Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. Frank W. Martenis, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a well written paper of forty-six pages concisely and carefully reviews the "Proceedings" of thirty-three Grand Bodies.

In his review of Massachusetts he says of meeting regularly and rehearsal of Ritual when there is no work:

"This is what we are getting the officers of our Subordinate Councils to do, and that we are getting there is shown by a net gain in membership for the past year of fifteen per cent."

The Proceedings of Ohio for 1904 receive courteous notice. The Annual Address of Grand Master Lane and the report of your

Committee on Foreign Correspondence are fraternally commended. In his conclusion Comp. Martenis says:

"In concluding this, our first report on Foreign Correspondence, we have tried to review each Grand Jurisdiction as presented to us through their printed proceedings, extracting what we think would be interesting to the reader, and we hope our efforts will be appreciated. As we grow older, of course, we expect to do better and ask our worthy Companions in this line to bear with us—Cryptic Masonry in Pennsylvania was never in better condition than at the present time, our gain last year of 449 increase in membership was only exceeded by one Grand Jurisdiction in the United States and that one is our good neighbor, Ohio. We expect to continue on in the good work and from present indications our increase the coming year will be fully as large as the past year."

M. Ill. Comp. George Albert Gorgas of Harrisburg was elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Comp. Frank W. Martenis of South Bethlehem re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held at New Castle, February 27, 1906.

RHODE ISLAND, 1902-3-4.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 82. Providence, 1904.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island was held in the City of Providence, April 12, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904, M. Ill. Comp. George C. Knight, Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, five.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, five.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 140; affiliated, 2; number of dimitted, 5; died, 21; dropped, 6.

Net gain current year, one hundred and ten.

Total number of members, 1723.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, seven.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, thirteen.

Ill. Comp. Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D. of Providence, the

Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was in attendance.

"The Grand Council is opened in Ample Form with prayer at the Altar by the Ill. and Rev. Grand Chaplain."

The record of the transactions of the Grand Council of Rhode Island for the years 1902 and 1903 are also contained in the Pamphlet under review. The Proceedings however, of those years are now only of local interest as matters of history in that Grand Council.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. George C. Knight, whose portrait is in the Proceedings, is a very brief recital of his official acts and recommendations.

M. Ill. Comp. Frank S. Congdon, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $394.91 in the Grand Treasury.

Ill. Comp. Rev. Dr. Henry W. Rugg, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a brief report of which he says:

"This paper does not assume to be a review of the printed transactions of sister Grand Councils. I have read a considerable number of such Proceedings, issued since the date of the last printing by the Grand Council of Rhode Island, 1901, and I have been interested in the reading of the pamphlets which have come into my hands. Were it not for existing conditions and limitations I should be glad to present a detailed review, following the method pursued in the larger jurisdictions.

"While I do not attempt to render this large service, I still hope to be able to present a just estimate of the condition of the Cryptic Rite, to note some of the manifestations of its organic life, and to call attention to some of the topics which are timely and interesting. My desire is that this paper should convey information and helpful suggestions to the Brethren to whom it is addressed.

"One thing more. I would like to have my associates of the Reportorial Guild believe that I am in hearty sympathy with them and their work. With several of these writers I have a personal acquaintance; I am in special touch with some of them by reason of our preparing Correspondence reports in other fields; to these and to all I proffer the word of fraternal greeting. I am glad, Brother Reviewers, to be counted of your number. I appreciate your kind references to myself and my home jurisdiction, although I may fail to make the acknowledgements which, under another form of report, would naturally find expression."

Again he thoughtfully says:

"Intrinsically the Cryptic Rite has much to commend it to the intelligence and moral sense of Brethren familiar with primary Masonic teaching. Its reference to historic personages are both interesting and suggestive; its forms and ceremonies take on many impressive features; while the ethics which pervade the whole system are of such a character as to entitle it to respect. It has legend and symbolism which appeal to the imagination and the conscience, and its history and traditions traverse the lines of Freemasonry at numerous points.

"The Cryptic Rite is a link in the Masonic chain. It is an essential part of a complete system. The Master Mason desires very properly to go forward to that increased light and knowledge which are revealed in the Chapter; and, as already intimated, the Royal Arch Mason may well take the Cryptic degrees in order that he may better comprehend Ancient Craft Masonry: so to analyze, harmonize, and use the entire system, to preserve the degrees —to teach the truths—there must be the organization. The Council is essential for the Rite. What can be better than to stand by the organization and plan for its growth and increased usefulness."

Portraits of Past Grand Masters M. Ill. Companions S. Penrose Williams and Charles Augustus Gillen are contained in the Pamphlet under Review. M. Ill. Comp. William H. Scott of Providence, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. William R. Greene of the same city re-elected Grand Recorder. Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Ill. Comp. Rev. Dr. Henry W. Rugg of Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 42. Charleston, 1905.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of South Carolina was held in the City of Charleston, February 14, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. James R. Johnson in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, five.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, six.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 17; affiliated, 1; number of dimitted, 8; died, 1; suspended, 1.

Net gain current year, eight.

Total number of members, 206.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, not reported.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, sixteen.

Ill. Comp. J. T. Barron of Columbia, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Due Form by M. Ill. Grand Master Jas. R. Johnson."

In his Annual Address the Grand Master reports in detail his official acts and recommendations. Of one of which *in re* Foreign Correspondence, he says:

"There is no one influence that I know of more conducive to awaken life and to promote good fellowship, than the fostering of the friendly and fraternal correspondence conducted year by year in the majority of our sister jurisdictions. As one reads the bright and sometimes sharp criticisms of the various correspondents, it opens before him a flood of information, otherwise not obtainable, and the general uplifting of the craft is the ultimate result. I am extremely sorry that our State has never joined in this work, and I firmly believe it will be most advantageous for this Grand Council to enter this field."

The Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Comp. C. F. Jackson, reported a balance of $53.70 in the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Council concurred in the report of the Committee in Approval of the recommendation of the Grand Master in relation to an Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In accordance with the action of the Grand Master the Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Comp. Comp. Zimmerman Davis submitted a brief Report on Foreign Correspondence in which, in twenty-two pages, he courteously and thoughtfully reviews the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Bodies. The Proceedings of Ohio for 1904 and the Annual Address of Grand Master Lane receive fraternal mention.

M. Ill. Comp. F. E. Harrison of Abberville was elected Grand

Master and R. Ill. Comp. Zimmerman Davis of Charleston re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of South Carolina will be held at Charleston, February 13, 1906.

TENNESSEE, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 40. Nashville, 1905.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville, January 23, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Goodlett presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fourteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, fifteen.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 47; affiliated, 7; reinstated, 3; number of dimitted, 16; died, 8; suspended, n. p. d., 2; suspended, u. c., 1.

Net gain current year, thirty.

Total number of members, 532.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, eight.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, sixteen.

M. Ill. Comp. T. W. Crutcher of Nashville, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not only not reported as in attendance but his name is not in the list of Tennessee Grand Representatives.

"There being present the Representatives of a constitutional number of Subordinate Councils, the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was opened in Ample Form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

The Annual Address of Grand Master Goodlett is a concise report of official duties discharged. In it he pays an appropriate tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master the late M. Ill. Comp. Angel S. Myers of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Accounts reported a balance of $314.47 in the Grand Treasury.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations a Dispensation was granted for the establishment of one new Council.

Fifty dollars was voted to the Endowment Fund of the Tennessee Masonic Home.

The Committee on Appeals reported that no matter of grievance had been submitted for their consideration.

In accordance with the regulations of that Grand Council at an evening session the Council degrees were conferred in Grand Council upon nineteen candidates at the minimum fee of five dollars.

In the opinion of your Committee a fee less than ten dollars is an unwise cheapening of these necessary and beautiful degrees and naturally gives the impression to those who should apply for them that their merit corresponds to the price at which they are held. Past Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. M. F. Flenniken, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, concisely reviewing in ten pages the Proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils.

The Proceedings of Ohio for 1903 receive courteous notice and fraternal mention is made of the Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer and the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. William A. Smith of Columbiana, whose portrait faces the title page of the Pamphlet under review, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. William A Clendening of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, M. Ill. Comp. M. F. Flenniken of Knoxville.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in Nashville, January 29, 1906.

VERMONT, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 119. Windsor, 1905.

The Fifty-first Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington, June 14, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904.

The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Charles L. Robinson in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, fifteen.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, eighteen.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 103; affiliated, 5; number of dimitted, etc., 11; died, 31.

Net gain current year, sixty-six.

Total number of members, 1334.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, three.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, twenty-one.

Ill. Comp. Frank A. Phillips of Randolph, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

"There being a constitutional number of Councils represented, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, at eight o'clock P. M., with prayer by Companion Rev. Charles F. Partridge, as Grand Chaplain."

The Annual Address of M. Ill. Comp. Robinson is an interesting report of official duties discharged. In it he makes appropriate mention of the demise of Past Grand Masters, the late M. Ill. Companions W. H. S. Whitcomb and Myron J. Horton of that Grand Jurisdiction. He deservedly commends the Annual Reports of R. Ill. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, on Foreign Correspondence to that Grand Council.

The official visitations of the Grand Master and of the inspecting officers show that the Subordinate Councils have careful supervision.

R. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Heaton, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $879.19.

The Committee on Grievances reported that:

"Nothing has been presented for consideration and that peace and tranquility seem to prevail in Cryptic Masonry in Vermont."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by R. Ill. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, is an able review in fifty-five pages of the Proceedings of thirty-three Grand Councils and of the General Grand Council. Of the prerogatives of a Grand Master in

Cryptic Masonry or of a Grand High Priest he justly says in his review of Georgia:

"A Grand Master of Masons may be, and probably is, possessed of the prerogative, because of ancient usage, but in no official constitutionally created, is it inherent, or by him possessed through any fancied inheritance. Chapters and Councils may possibly be offshoots in some sense from Lodges, but their grand bodies are constitutionally organized, and their officers are but legislative creations. Certain powers and recognized authority are theirs by constitutional enactment, but among them is not that of making Capitular and Cryptic Masons at sight."

Of Ohio for 1903 he says:

"In 1864 the 'Merger' succeeded in securing a vote of three-fourths of the subordinate councils for the dissolution of this Grand Council. Six subordinate bodies, however, refused to acquiesce, and M. I. William M. Cunningham, then Grand Master, held the vote although large to be insufficient to dissolve the Grand Body. Dark days for the Rite in the jurisdiction followed, but through them all the Grand Body was loyally sustained, and within a few years afterward an era opened of activity, continuous and constantly increasing, until 1903 finds Ohio displacing Massachusetts in the numerical leadership of the Rite. With a membership of 6,827, a net gain of 560 for the year, the Grand Council now has a greater number of Royal and Select Masters on the rolls than any other Grand Council in the world. While rejoicing over this, it is a pleasure to note that their leadership is assumed with a modesty most becoming to our companions of Ohio."

The Annual Address of Grand Master Palmer, the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the Proceedings of the Grand Council are fraternally commended.

In his conclusion Ill. Comp. Perkins thoughtfully says:

"With rare exceptions the year has been one of substantial prosperity, the measure of which has been determined invariably, not so much by surroundings, as by continuous, persistent effort for the advancement of the Rite. This has been especially noticeable in a few jurisdictions. May their numbers be greatly increased and abundantly rewarded, may their success incite others in different parts of the various arches to a better realization of the duties devolved upon watchful, zealous workmen."

M. Ill. Comp. George F. Flanders of White River Junction, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Henry H. Ross of Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence R. Ill. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor.

WASHINGTON, 1904.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 48. Tacoma, 1904.

The Ninth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington was held in the City of Seattle, June 23, A. D. 1904, A. Dep. 2904. M. Ill. Comp. Frank P. Weymouth, Grand Master presiding.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, six.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the roll, seven.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Number of "Advanced" current year, 89; affiliated, 7; from new Councils, 17; number of dimitted, 3; died, 8; suspended, 2.

Net gain current year, one hundred.

Total number of members, 556.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, seven.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, eighteen.

"There being a constitutional number of Councils represented, the M. Ill. Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers, proceeded to open the Grand Council in Ample Form."

The Annual Address of Grand Master Weymouth is a concise report of official duties discharged.

Appropriate mention is made of the demise of Past Deputy Grand Master, the late R. Ill. Companion David H. Shaw, of that Grand Jurisdiction.

He reports that he had issued a Dispensation for the establishment of one new Council and that he had "issued an order changing the date of meeting" of a Subordinate Council at its request and also that he had "issued to Illustrious Companion J. E. Cates a dispensation authorizing him to communicate the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to give a constitutional number of Royal and Select Masters to open a Council at Vancouver."

Unless the constitution of the Grand Council of Washington

confers specifically "the power to act," as above reported upon the Grand Master, your committee fail to see wherein or how he becomes possessed of any such authority, the exercise of which is of such doubtful propriety.

M. Ill. Comp. Henry L. Kennan, Grand Treasurer, reported a balance of $244.11 in the Grand Treasury.

On recommendation of the Committee on Councils U. D., the Council working U. D. was continued under Dispensation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, Grievance and Examination of Visitors "reported that nothing had been presented to them for consideration."

A portrait of Grand Master Weymouth, Grand Recorder Hare, Past Grand Treasurer Demorest, and Honorary Past Grand Masters Upton and Darby are contained in the Pamphlet under review.

R. Ill. Comp. Edward R. Hare, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, in seventeen pages concisely and courteously reviews the transactions of thirty-one Grand Bodies.

Fraternal mention is made of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Ohio for 1903 and the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is courteously commended.

M. Ill. Comp. J. Edmund Cates of Tacoma, was elected Grand Master and R. Ill. Comp. Edward R. Hare of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1905.

Annual Proceedings, Pamphlet, pp. 52. Marinette, 1905.

The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee, February 21, A. D. 1905, A. Dep. 2905. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Jacob Dreher in the Grand East.

Number of Subordinate Councils represented in Grand Council, eleven.

Number of Working Chartered Councils on the Roll, nineteen.

Number of Councils under Dispensation, one.

Nnumber of "Advanced" current year, 158; affiliated, etc., 2; number of dimitted, 6; died, 32; suspended, 26.

Net gain current year, ninety-six.

Total number of members, 1811.

Number of Past M. Ill. Grand Masters in attendance, two.

Number of other Grand Councils represented by the attendance of Grand Representatives, nineteen.

M. Ill. Comp. Fred Ring of La Crosse, the Grand Representative of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not in attendance.

"The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form in the Degree of Select Master."

"The Grand Council was led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

M. Ill. Comp. Dreher, Grand Master, in his Annual Address pays an appropriate tribute to the memory of the Deputy Grand Master, the late R. Ill. Companion W. E. Beebe, whose portrait is in the printed Proceedings:

"Companion Beebe was a young man, being only 36 years of age at the time of his lamentable death by drowning in the Lemonweir River, on October 16, 1904, by the capsizing of his launch.

"He was elected County Judge of Juneau County when only 30 years of age and held the position to the day of his death."

A Dispensation was issued by the Grand Master for the establishment of one new Council and of the Rite in Wisconsin he says:

"The Cryptic Craft in this state is prospering and though our numbers are few comparatively, yet, with proper rendering of our beautiful ritual, and practicing the virtues inculcated, we may hopefully look for an increase in membership, to the future, which I trust and pray, has in store for Cryptic Masonry, and for all our companions, Plenty, Health, and Peace."

The Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Comp. David H. Wright, reported a balance of $899.65 in the Grand Treasury.

M. Ill. Comp. W. W. Perry, Grand Recorder, submitted his usual complete reports of all matters pertaining to the Secretareate.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a charter was granted to the Council working under Dispensation.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence is contained in "Proceedings."

M. Ill. Companion Jacob Dreher of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Master and M. Ill. Companion Wm. W. Perry of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman of "Committee on Correspondence," Ill. Companion William C. Swain of Milwaukee.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Wisconsin will be held at Milwaukee, February 20, 1906.

L'ENVOI.

In a retrospect of Cryptic Masonry in Ohio for the past fifty years of personal recollections, the writer is more than ever convinced that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are now upon a deservedly higher plane in the mind of intelligent Masons than if their possession had been made a pre-requisite for the Commandery Grades. Its select character is better than numbers in its membership, or an excess of dollars in its Treasury.

In this connection also regardless of reverses, opposition and adverse circumstances, from a membership of but five hundred and ten in 1855, it has increased to over eight thousand in 1905, a gain of sixteen times its number in fifty years, whilst the Templar membership in Ohio in 1855 was six hundred and five, yet with all of its accessories and incentives its membership is but twelve thousand and upwards, an increase only of twenty times its original number in the same half century.

As other duties may prevent the writer from occupying the Chairmanship of this Committee the ensuing year the occasion is opportune for a personal reminiscence that may possibly be of interest, at least, to Ohio Companions.

In 1855 the Chairman of your Committee, as the Th. Ill. Master of Bigelow Council No. 7 of Newark, attended the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio in its Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly held in Mansfield, Ohio.

One among the youngest members of the Grand Body, in looking over the names of those in attendance, he is saddened by the thought that he appears to be the only survivor of that coterie of Companions by whom he was so fraternally welcomed, many of whom were eminent in public as well as Masonic affairs.

At the meeting following his advancement in Cryptic Masonry the writer was elected to preside in Newark Council, now Bigelow No. 7, Royal and Select Masters of Newark, Ohio, and it goes without saying that his love for these important grades and a belief in their right to a place in Ancient Masonry has never waned.

In his attendance upon the Grand Council of Ohio, in which he is now the Senior Past Grand Master, he does not recall of but one instance of absence from its Annual Assemblies.

The Session of the Grand Council in 1855 covered four days, the legislation of all of the Masonic Grand Bodies in Ohio prior to the Civil War were of a very deliberative character requiring from three to four days for each annual meeting. The brotherly love and good fellowship prevailing in each are among the happiest memories in the half century of Masonic experience. Loving friendships involved only ended by "passing over the dark river."

It is to be earnestly hoped that all Grand Councils will join with one accord in upholding the dignity, worth and independence of the Rite and that no fee for the degrees less than ten dollars will in any instance be permitted or any inconsiderate innovations be tolerated. However much Companions, Councils or Grand Councils may differ in matters of polity or ritual loyalty to each other and loyalty to the Rite will assure Cryptic Masonry of the high standing to which it is entitled in the Masonic Institution.

With sentiments of fraternal love and esteem to the Companions of this and all other regular Grand Councils and with best acknowledgments to our Companion Reporters for their kind consideration and courtesies,

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
For the Committee.

STATISTICAL.

STATISTICS FOR 1904 OF CRYPTIC FREEMASONRY.

Compiled by Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder of Missouri.

GRAND COUNCIL.	Number Councils.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Dimitted.	Died.	Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
Alabama	6	74	5	.....	23	2	3	357	.....	.....
Arkansas	14	46	1	.....	1	1	3	328	42	.....
California	18	198	9	3	4	14	29	1658	163	.....
Colorado	10	47	13	1	17	5	5	485	22	.....
Conneticut	22	267	4	2	25	6	78	4020	140	.....
Florida	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Georgia	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	781	3	.....
Illinois	42	481	20	9	39	31	58	4088	518	.....
Indiana	58	500	51	8	36	89	62	3765	408	.....
Indian Territory	9	18	4	.....	5	2	3	222	12	.....
Iowa	20	35	55	.....	24	49	10	883	149	.....
Kansas	10	99	34	3	1	48	17	1111	70	.....
Kentucky	22	87	1	6	8	5	12	943	69	.....
Louisiana	7	24	.....	1	.....	4	2	308	19	.....
Maine	16	195	1	2	3	7	55	3190	133	.....
Maryland	11	145	4	1	15	9	35	827	91	.....
†*Massachusetts	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6661	.....	.....
Michigan	58	468	28	6	54	58	68	5180	322	.....
Minnesota	7	51	5	.....	8	6	12	772	30	.....
Mississippi	44	161	10	8	30	17	25	1345	108	.....
Missouri	14	192	8	4	15	32	13	1231	145	.....
Nebraska	22	118	5	12	13	7	7	845	107	.....
New Hampshire	14	171	13	1	7	56	37	1787	85	.....
New Jersey	7	61	3	.....	4	5	9	623	46	.....
New York	25	289	10	9	46	85	61	4860	166	.....
North Carolina	5	38	.....	.....	6	.....	6	187	26	.....
Ohio	60	972	25	51	112	68	110	7590	763	.....
Oregon	6	13	2	.....	4	24	4	254	.....	17
Pennsylvania	23	464	10	.....	16	28	43	2600	411	.....
Rhode Island	5	140	2	.....	6	5	21	1723	110	.....
South Carolina	6	10	.....	.....	14	6	2	196	.....	12
Tennessee	15	50	6	.....	8	15	9	492	24	.....
Vermont	18	103	5	.....	.....	11	31	1334	66	.....
*Washington	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	456	.....	.....
Wisconsin	19	159	2	.....	3	15	29	1677	114	.....
*Gen'l Grand Council	12	18	3	8	1	4	3	322	21	.....
Totals	688	5734	339	185	548	659	862	63141	4383	29

*From statistics of 1903.

†Massachusetts 1904, 6570.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

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OF THE

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AT ITS

Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly

Begun and held in the

City of Columbus, Ohio, October 2nd, A. D. 1906, Y. D. 2906.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, Cleveland, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe, R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio,
Tuesday, October 2, 1906,
9:30 O'clock A. M.

The hour having arrived for the convening of the Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives assembled in the lobby of the Chittenden Hotel, and were escorted to the Masonic Temple, by a delegation of the Companions of Columbus Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters.

Opening Exercises.

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, October 2nd, A. D. 1906, Y. D. 2906.

The Grand Recorder, as chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported all the Grand Officers, and seventeen Past Grand Masters, present, and all of the Subordinate Councils duly represented. Whereupon Most Illustrious Grand Master William A. Spill, with the assistance of the following Grand Officers, viz:

EDWARD H. ARCHER, R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master;
MILTON B. DICKERSON, R. Ill. Grand Prin. Con. of Work;
ROBERT V. HAMPSON, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer;
WILLIAM E. EVANS, R. Ill. Grand Recorder;
REV. V. F. BROWN, R. Ill. Grand Chaplain;
WARREN J. BAKER, Ill. Grand Capt. of Guards;
CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Ill. Grand Con. of Council;
I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Ill. Grand Steward;
HUGH V. OLNEY, Ill. Grand Sentinel;

Opened the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, in Ample Form, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. After prayer by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion V. F. Brown, the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio opened in its Seventy-Seventh Annual Assembly, for the transaction of business.

Illustrious Companion J. Nicholas Koerner, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Columbus Council No. 8, representing the Companions of Columbus, welcomed the Grand Council of Ohio to the "Capital City" in the following pleasing address:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council:

To me has been given the honor and pleasant duty, on behalf of the Columbus Council, to extend you a most hearty welcome. It is needless for me to dwell upon the duties of these degrees for every one present has had a duty to perform in conferring the same. You know your work well and therefore have been honored by your local Councils and I trust that the lessons of these degrees have been inculcated in the minds of your candidates, that they have left a deep and lasting impression, and that by the honor conferred upon your candidates you have made better men and better citizens.

I know that you are all busy men and I desire to expedite your work as quickly as possible, and as I do not desire to take up any more of your time, not only on behalf of the Royal and Select Masters but on behalf of all the true and loyal Masons of Columbus, I bid you a most hearty welcome to our city and to this our Temple. I want you to make and feel yourselves at home and if there is anything you want, and do not see, just ask for it.

Our local Council has been honored by the Grand Council by selecting a number of its members as your officers. We appreciate the honors conferred and I trust that your body will never regret its action.

In conclusion allow me to again bid you a hearty welcome, and I trust that when your labors are finished and you return to your respective homes and vocations that you will have nothing but pleasant recollections from your meeting in our city.

Again, thrice welcome.

Which was responded to by Most Illustrious Grand Master William A. Spill.

Courtesies.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, William T. McLean, appropriately and eloquently introduced the following distinguished Masons to the Grand Council, who were courteously received by Grand Master Spill, and seated in the East.

LEWIS P. SCHAUS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

EDMUND B. KING,

Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,

Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,

Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States.

JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

And seventeen Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Illustrious Companion Orestes A. B. Senter then introduced Illustrious Companion Wm. T. McLean, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, who was handsomely received by the Grand Council and conducted to a seat of Honor in the East.

Past Grand Masters Present.

Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. DAVID C. WINEGARNER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS PRESENT.

Comp. JOSEPH KIRKUP, ... No. 1
Comp. DANIEL KOCH, ... No. 1
Comp. J. W. IREDEL, JR., ... No. 1
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, ... No. 4
Comp. LEWIS P. SCHAUS, ... No. 7
Comp. DAVID C. WINEGARNER, ... No. 7
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, ... No. 7
Comp. A. L. RAWLINGS, ... No. 7
Comp. EDWARD H. ARCHER, ... No. 8
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, ... No. 8
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, ... No. 8
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, ... No. 9

Comp. WILLIAM E. BANTA, ... No. 17
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, ... No. 19
Comp. GEORGE P. CONNER, ... No. 20
Comp. MILTON B. DICKERSON, ... No. 22
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, ... No. 22
Comp. GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, ... No. 22
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, ... No. 33
Comp. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, ... No. 36
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, ... No. 36
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, ... No. 40
Comp. ROBERT V. HAMPSON, ... No. 44
Comp. C. U. PATTERSON, ... No. 56
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, ... No. 58
Comp. G. B. TUTHILL, ... No. 68
Comp. JACOB H. BROMWELL, ... No. 77
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, ... No. 78
Comp. GEORGE BILLOW, ... No. 80
Comp. THOMAS C. COATES, ... No. 88

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Alabama, ...	Comp.	FRANK H. MARQUIS.
Arkansas, ...	"	GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California, ...	"	ARTHUR P. CRANE.
Connecticut, ...	"	EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado, ...	"	CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida, ...	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia, ...	"	HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois, ...	"	WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory, . . .	"	GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana, ...	"	NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa, ...	"	WILLIAM T. MCLEAN,
Kansas, ...	"	GEORGE P. CONNER.

Kentucky, ...	"	LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana, ...	"	EDWARD H. ARCHER.
Maine, ...	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland, ...	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts, ...	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan, ...	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota, ...	"	GEORGE BILLOW.
Mississippi, ...	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri, ...	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
Nebraska, ...	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire, . . .	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey, ...		
New York, ...	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
North Carolina, ...	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon, ...	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania, ...	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Vermont, ...	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina, ...	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee, ...	"	C. W. CARROLL.
Washington, ...	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin, ...	"	C. C. PARK.
England and Wales, . .		
Canada, ...	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council, .	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS—REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT
CREDENTIAL LIST

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	F. W. Hendley G. W. Werden W. L. Meyer
2	Union	Steubenville	B. F. Murphy
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Albert Scholl
7	Bigelow	Newark	Frank W. Beggs
8	Columbus	Columbus	H. N. P. Dole A. A. Williams B. P. Jacobs
9	Reese	Dayton	G. G. G. Peckham Joseph A. Wortman
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	R. H. McFarland
13	Wooster	Wooster	George J. Schwartz
14	Franklin	Troy	Walter Duer
15	Athens	Athens	C. M. Copeland S. D. Thompson
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	George W. Barrere
17	Springfield	Springfield	R. A. Worthington C. Emil Laue
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	Charles C. Falk William Howe
20	Lima	Lima	George P. Conner George Kalb
22	Marion	Marion	George S. McGuire
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Caselton Roscoe C. H. Ruggles
26	Sandusky City ...	Sandusky	J. A. Davey Edmund B. King
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Lewis B. Shaw William G Sibley
33	Toledo	Toledo	Thomas B. Guiteau
35	Canton	Canton	Charles Dickerhof
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	Charles E. Cole R. A. Armstrong H. E. Morrison
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Anthony W. Mauk
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	H. S. Schalk B. S. Snyder
41	London	London	M. W. Dungan
44	Omega	Salem	John G. Augustine

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	E. Davis
			W. G. Plantz
			I. L. Oppenheimer
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Asa M. Hart
50	Findlay	Findlay	John A. Gore
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	C. W. Carroll
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	Defiance	W. A. Snyder
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	L. F. Romig
			E. A. McCollam
			J. E. Groves
58	Warren	Warren	J. S. Gildard
59	Urbana	Urbana	M. R. Talbot
			Thomas Heap
			Wm. L. Guard
60	Tyrian	Circleville	J. R. Florence
64	Fremont	Fremont	W. S. Lewis
65	Kenton	Kenton	John Wilson
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	F. M. Moyer
69	Putnam	Ottawa	E. R. Eastman
70	Sidney	Sidney	A. W. Reddish
71	Trowel	Jackson	Frank Crumit
72	Delphos	Delphos	J. E. Fast
			C. C. Bliss
			C. D. Hunt
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	R. J. Cavette
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	S. M. Hyde
75	New Lexington .	New Lexington ..	H. F. Acker
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	B. M. Allen
			O. B. Cornell
			R. J. Ash
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	Jacob H. Bromwell
78	Marietta	Marietta	H. E. Carlton
			Ira L. Ellis
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	Andrew J. Fuller
80	Akron	Akron	R. B. Wilson
			O. W. Groff
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	V. Body
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Frank P. Hale

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	REPRESENTATIVES.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	R. V. Vaughan
			J. S. Bevan
84	Delaware	Delaware	J. L. Sperling
			J. W. Heimberger
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	W. E. Sloan
86	Elyria	Elyria	C. H. Loughry
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	W. G. Giessen
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	F. L. Mauger
89	S. S. Jewell.....	Marysville	L. Henderson
			D. B. Edwards
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	A. E. Mergenthaler
91	Matchette	Greenville	S. A. Hawes
92	Ohio	Ironton	Louis F. Selb
93	Lafayette	Piqua	R. D. Burnham
			C. B. Jamison
94	Mansfield	Mansfield	F. H. Marquis
			John Weil
			E. H. Lindsey
UD	Keramos	East Liverpool	J. T. Croxall
UD	Wright	Xenia	L. H. Whiteman
UD	Barnesville	Barnesville	Andrew J. Baggs
UD	Upper Sandusky..	Upper Sandusky ..	J. W. Byers

Standing Committees.

Credentials —

Companions William E. Evans, G. R.,
George J. Schwartz,
Frank L. Beggs.

Visitors —

Companions Edwin Morrell, P. G. M.,
Horatio N. P. Dole,
Alfred A. Williams.

Jurisprudence —

Companions Graff M. Acklin, P. G. M.,
George D. Copeland, P. G. M.,
Levi C. Goodale, P. G. M.

Accounts —

Companions Henry E. Morrison, P. G. M.,
S. A. Hawes,
John Wilson.

Grievance —

Companions E. R. Eastman,
W. A. Snider,
S. M. Hyde.

Charters and Dispensations —

Companions William T. McLean, P. G. M.,
John F. Lane, P. G. M.,
William B. Anderson, P. G. M.,

Pay Roll —

Companions Lewis M. Lea, P. G. M.,
Lewis B. Shaw,
Charles E. Cole.

Good of the Order —

Companions O. A. B. Senter, P. G. M.,
Harry S. Schalk,
Frank H. Marquis.

Subordinate Returns —

Companions Julian E. Fast,
Robert H. McFarland,
Walter Duer.

Unfinished Business —

Companions Frank W. Hendley,
Albert Scholl,
Caselton Roscoe.

Foreign Correspondence —

Companions Nelson Williams, P. G. M.,
Charles M. Copeland,
A. E. Mergenthaler.

Obituary —

Companions Rev. V. F. Brown, G. C.,
M. W. Dungan,
W. E. Sloan.

Special Committees.

Topical Reference —

Companions Wm. M. Cunningham, P. G. M.,
George G. G. Peckham,
Robert W. Worden,
J. R. Florence,
Albert K. Murray.

Masonic Home —

Companions George D. McBride, P. G. M.,
David C. Winegarner, P. G. M.,
Joseph M. Goodspeed, P. G. M.,
Arthur P. Crane, P. G. M.,
Jewett Palmer, P. G. M.

Time and Place —

Companions Robert S. Wilson,
Ralph A. Worthington,
Charles C. Falk,
Charles Dickerhof,
C. W. Carroll.

Annual Address and Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Illustrious Companions:

Could the members of that devoted little band of Select Masters, which met and organized the Grand Council of Ohio at Worthington in January, 1830, stand with me today and look into the faces of the representatives of over three score of the best Subordinate Councils of the Cryptic Rite in the world, what a spirit of rejoicing would be theirs!

At the same time how humbly and reverently would they join in the prayers and thanksgivings which rise today from our hearts to the GREAT I AM, for His loving watch-care over us, — a love and a care, that in His Good Providence, have never grown cold or indifferent but have brought us, united and prosperous, from such a humble beginning to this our Seventy-Seventh Annual Assembly and the acknowledged leadership of the Cryptic Rite.

My Illustrious Companions: I greet you. There is no need to welcome you here. This Grand Council, and all for which it stands is yours. If it be true that the Great Architect has drawn His plan on the Trestle Board of Time, it is equally true that your exertions constitute the instrument by which He has converted His divine plans into the human edifice. And so, at this time, there is no need that I should welcome you to your own. Whether it be the senior Past Grand Master or an officer of the youngest Council, coming today to sit for the first time in this fellowship, a welcome is alike unnecessary. Welcome finds expression in your handclasps; it vibrates in the tones of your voices; it glows in your faces, — the reflection of that ardent fire of love for the Cryptic Rite, which blazes upon the altars within the secret vaults of your hearts.

Necrology.

Before submitting the year's work for your examination let us turn backward the 365 pages of the year, to read, if we may, the farewells of those, who since last we met, have passed the tomb's low arches, and have been admitted to participate in the ineffable

HENRY TRUE

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
of the Grand Council, R. and S. M. of Ohio
Years 1902 to 1906

mysteries of Heaven. One year ago ten Companions knelt at the Altar, pledging themselves to serve you faithfully. Today, one is missing. Right Illustrious Companion Henry True, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Ohio, resigned the cares and duties of office, at the bidding of the Supreme Grand Master, Monday, April 30, 1906. Proper notice was given the craft, of which the following is a copy;

Office of the M. Ill. Grand Master,

Cleveland, Ohio, May 15, 1906.

To all Royal and Select Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction,

GREETING: —

It is my painful duty to inform you that Right Illustrious Companion

HENRY TRUE

Grand Treasurer of the Most Illustrious Grand Grand Council, was raised to that lodge to which we are all advancing on Monday, April 30, A. D. 1906, A. Dep. 2906.

Henry True was of New England parentage. He was the only son and child of the late Dr. Henry A. True and was born in the City of Marion on January 26, 1848. He was educated in the schools of his native city and later at Harvard University, at which institution he spent two years. In 1871 he engaged in the retail drug business, in which he continued ten years. In 1881 he became the Cashier of the Marion County Bank, an institution founded by Messrs. Reed and Johnson. Under his wise and conservative guidance the institution broadened the field of its labors until it became one of the most reliable and vigorous financial institutions in Central Ohio. He later became its President and served in this capacity until the day of his death. Our Companion, while a quiet and retiring man was a man of wide interests, whose counsel and assistance were much sought after by his friends and neighbors and at the time of his demise he was Trustee and Treasurer of the Waddel Ladies Home; Treasurer of The Home Building, Savings and Loan Co.; Treasurer of The Norris and Christian Lime and Stone Co.; Treasurer of The Central Ohio Loan and Trust Co. and Trustee of the University of Wooster as well as Ruling Elder and Clerk of the Session of the First

Presbyterian Church and an officer in numerous smaller enterprises.

One must have known this quiet, strong man in his home city, to understand all that he was to Marion and how truly and keenly they miss him from their midst. I can do no better than to quote the following paragraph from an editorial in The Marion Star concerning him:

"Knowledge of the real Henry True makes is difficult to estimate the measure of loss which his death brings to Marion. A great, big, clean, generous, moral and manly man is gone — a Christian gentleman and useful citizen, whose example is worthy of emulation and whose memory will linger in sweetest bloom so long as there is fidelity in friendship and inspiration in unsullied manhood."

The record of Companion True as a Mason is as follows: Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Marion Lodge No. 70, F. A. M., May 17, 1872; exalted to the most sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Marion Chapter No. 62 R. A. M. April 8, 1873; passed the circle of perfection as a Select Master in Marion Council, No. 22, R. and S. M. January 9, 1874; constituted and created a Knight Templar in Marion Commandery, No. 36 K. T. May 9, 1878; received the Scottish Rite grades from the 4° to 32° in Ohio Sovereign Consistory at Cincinnati, Ohio, in April, 1887. He was elected Grand Treasurer of this grand body, September 13, A. D. 1902, A. Dep. 2902 at Lima, and filled the position until his death.

We shall miss him from our fellowship and our councils. But we shall not mourn as those without hope, for we know that though the strong arm of death has leveled him in the silence of the grave, yet the almighty arm of the Supreme Grand Master shall prevail to raise him to the fellowship of that Eternal Lodge, where the noon-tide of bliss shall eternally shine. Though the fog of human blindness causes those who are left to stumble and perhaps at times to question the Master's plans, the scales of doubt and darkness have fallen forever from his eyes and he sees the wise designs of the Supreme Architect displayed in all their beauty. Let us emulate his example and thank the Giver of all good that He was pleased to vouchsafe us the comradeship of such a good man and Mason as Henry True.

In token of our respect for his memory I direct that this announcement shall be read in the various Councils in Ohio and suitable record made upon their minutes and that for a

period of thirty days, the charters and jewels of all Councils in Ohio be draped in mourning.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Council of Ohio to be attached this 15th day of May, A. D. 1906, A. Dep. 2906.

[SEAL]

WILLIAM A. SPILL,
Grand Master.

Attest: —
WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Grand Recorder.

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and the assurance of our deep sympathy sent the bereaved family. I directed Right Illustrious Companion Dickerson to procure a suitable floral offering and inform the family that this Grand Council and its officers were at their service in any manner desired.

In accordance with the wish of the family, the Masonic services at the funeral were limited to the presentation of the Scottish Rite Ring to his son, Harry, a member of Marion Lodge, No. 70, F. and A. M. by Illustrious Companion David N. Kinsman of Columbus. Thursday, May 3, 1906, in company with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Copeland, the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, I attended the funeral services at the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, of which the deceased had been long a devoted member and officer. Little as this was, it was all that I could do to express our grief. Words ever fail us at times like this. The human heart refuses to be drawn into expression. Our Companion was such a quiet, unassuming and even reserved man that the vacancy will grow with the passing days. Not only will he be missed in the family circle and here, but his business associates, the City of Marion and countless interests, with which he was allied will know better in the future the large measure of the modest man we called "Harry True".

This body is not alone in its bereavement. Other branches of Ohio Masonry have been bereft. In the death of Companion Brenton D. Babcock, of Cleveland Council, No. 36, on January 10, 1906, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Ohio lost its loved chief; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons lost a Past Grand High Priest and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars lost a Past Grand Commander. January 30, 1906, the news came from Jacksonville, Florida, that Companion John M. Stull of Warren Council, No. 58, was no more. The Ohio Masonic Home is most bereft in this, for not only had that great Masonic institution been the recipient of a whole-hearted love and care from Companion Stull but it had honored him. Almost since the inception of that institution he had been President of the Board of Trustees.

I keenly feel my own inability to frame a fitting tribute to these distinguished Companions. Their worth and their work are alike too well known, that words of mine could magnify them. Ohio, indeed, has lost these and 105 other Companions, but their work and their memories are ours and neither Time nor Death shall wrest these from our grasp. Notices and memorials from sister jurisdictions inform us of the death of Illustrious and beloved Companions, and remind us that "death is the common doom of man." All of these have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Obituary, and will be by it submitted with suitable memorials and printed in our annual proceedings.

Grand Representatives.

On request of the Grand Masters of the jurisdictions named I nominated and recommended Companions to fill existing vacancies as follows:

Alabama — Ill. Comp. Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield.
Illinois — M. Ill. Comp. William B. Anderson, Dayton.
Iowa — M. Ill. Comp. William T. McLean, Sidney.
Louisiana — Rt. Ill. Comp. Edward H. Archer, Columbus.
North Carolina — Ill. Comp. William E. Banta, Springfield.

Upon the nomination and recommendation of the Grand Masters of the jurisdictions named, I issued commissions to the Companions named as representatives of this Grand Council near the following jurisdictions:

Alabama — M. Ill. Comp. Jacob D. Bloch, Mobile.
Colorado — Ill. Comp. George Winchell, LaJunta.
Illinois — Ill. Comp. George W. Curtis, Peoria.
Iowa — Ill. Comp. Charles A. Dewey, Washington.
Mississippi — M. Ill. Comp. Frederic Speed, Vicksburg.
Tennessee — M. P. Comp. Bradford Nichol, Knoxville.
North Carolina — M. Ill. Comp. W. S. Liddell, Charlotte.

This completes the representative system for every Grand Council save that of Scotland, and I am convinced that other Grand Councils claiming to have representatives to that body do not correspond with any of its officials whose addresses their respective printed proceedings purport to give. At least postal officials to whom several letters of mine were confided, returned them with the information that such parties were unknown at the addresses given. At present, commissions to representatives are issued until the next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council and are then reissued, involving considerable needless expenditure of time and labor for results of no or very little practical value, even if the best selections be made. I would recommend that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be asked to consider the matter and report some method, whereby representatives might serve for life, conditioned on their attending Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council to which they are accredited.

Bonds Approved.

October 13, 1905, the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, for three thousand ($3,000) dollars each, with The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, as surety, were received and approved, and subsequently I notified the surety of the death of the Grand Treasurer and arranged for the continuance of that bond in the name of Right Illustrious Companion Robert V. Hampson.

Foreign Correspondence.

Some Masons thoughtlessly pass over the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as being of little value. I have always deemed these a very valuable part of the various annual procedings, written by able and distinguished Masons, who freely spend their time and energy in compiling the story of the year's progress in the Cryptic Rite for the edification and enlightenment of their Companions. I was sorry to receive from most Illustrious Companion Cunningham on October 25, 1905, his resignation as Chairman of this Committee. I knew not then of his proposed change from "foreign correspondence" to domestic bliss or I might not have acqiesced so readily in his suggestion to accept his resignation and appoint Most Illustrious Companion Nelson Williams as his successor.

While we are entitled to the sympathy of our sister jurisdictions in losing so doughty a champion, we are to be congratulated that we have such an able successor.

Councils Instituted.

October 18, 1906, I issued my proxy to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Nelson Williams for the constitution of Lafayette Council, No. 93, at Piqua. Later he advised me of the discharge of the duty intrusted to him.

October 30, 1905, I issued my proxy to Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Evans for the constitution of Ohio Council, No. 92 at Ironton, and soon thereafter received his report which showed that he had performed the work in his usual prompt and energetic manner.

October 30, 1905, I issued my proxy to Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Archer for the constitution of Mansfield Council, No. 94, at Mansfield. Due report was made by him of the discharge of the duty so imposed.

Each of these Councils commence their chartered existence under good prospects and will undoubtedly prove strong and valuable members of this Grand Council. All interpret the

degrees accurately and intelligently and have the proper conception of the dignity and merit of the Cryptic Rite. This is especially true of the youngest of the three. Mansfield No. 94 is assuredly an infant of the greatest promise.

The quality of its work is perfection itself. The quantity of the work is vouched for by the report of the Grand Recorder. The net gain made by this splendid, aggressive Council is not only the largest made this year in Ohio, but has I believe, no equal in all our history.

Inspections.

Ohio's rank among the Grand Councils of the world has been attained by work. It can only continue to hold this rank as it continues to work. The whole secret of success is contained in that one word WORK. No single element that has entered into our work has brought, or in my opinion, can bring us such rich fruitage of reward as the annual inspection system. This system should never be discontinued, even for a single year. In prosperity, this system is the best insurance of continued prosperity we can obtain. In adversity the inspection system is the air line route to prosperity. I am not only a firm believer in annual inspections but I believe it is one of the greatest duties incumbent upon a Grand Master that he give the Councils of Ohio "inspections that inspect." The present standing resolution on this subject directs the Grand Master to divide the State into nine arches *as soon as possible* after his installation. This was the first duty I attempted to discharge as Grand Master. Owing to the ill health of Right Illustrious Companion True and sickness and death in the family of Illustrious Companion Olney, I was pleased at their request to relieve them from the duty of inspection and assigned their Arches to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Lane and Thrice Illustrious Past Master C. C. Bliss of Delphos Council, No. 72. These Companions have rendered service this year that was both effective and willing. The old blank in use for inspections did not appeal to me. After the expenditure of time and money for inspections, it seemed that the situation imperatively demanded a blank that

would give the Grand Master as full and comprehensive a report as it would be possible for him to obtain except by a personal visit. A new blank was therefore prepared and used, of which the following is a copy:

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

.....*Arch*
.....*Council, No*....
City .....
County .....
Date Inspected .....

.....OHIO.....A. D., 19.. Y. D., 290 .

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER: —

I have the honor to report that on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 190... Y. D. 290..., by virtue of your commission I inspected..... Council, No.....R. and S. M., located at .....

The condition in detail, with reference to the various items of quarters, records, finances, discipline, equipment and work follows:

QUARTERS

Where situated? .....
Does Council rent or own?.....
Is the Council Chamber commodious?....
Condition of chamber and furnishings?....

FORMS AND RECORDS

Has the Council copies of the Code?.....
Does Council preserve bound copies of the annual proceedings of the M. Ill. Grand Council? .....
Are petitions for degrees in required form? .....
Are records kept in customary form?.....
Are records complete?.....
Are records neatly and legibly kept?.....
Are minutes of each assembly signed by the T. I. M. and Recorder?..:.....

Do records show date of last annual inspection? .....
Are petitions and valuable papers filed?...
How many stated assemblies held in past year? .....
How many special assemblies held in past year? .....
Give average attendance—stated.....
special .....
Does Council confer S. E. M. degree?.....
If so, at what intervals?.....
Is a proper record of members receiving same kept? .....
Present membership of Council.....
Number exempt from dues (life members)? .....

FINANCES

Condition of ledger or substitute?.....
Condition of cash book or substitute?.....
Have books and accounts, including individual accounts of members been properly audited? .....
Give date of last auditing.....
Is Treasurer under bond?.....
Amount? .....
Is Recorder under bond?.....
Amount? .....
Give amount of insurance in force on real property owned by Council.....
Give amount of insurance in force on personal property owned by Council.....
Is an accurate inventory of property kept? .....
Amount of fee for the degrees *per capita*..
Amount of fee for membership *per capita*..
Amount of yearly dues *per capita*.....
Number of members, in arrears for dues, *now* subject to suspension and unsuspended? .....
Total amount of such unpaid dues.....
Number of members, *now* under suspension for N. P. D.....
Total amount of dues owed by such members .....

DISCIPLINE

Are all members affiliated and in good standing in Lodge and Chapter?.....
If, not, how many are delinquent?.....
What are the reasons for the delinquency? .....
When members suspended for N. P. D. do not pay arrearages within three months are charges preferred? .....
If not, why not?.....
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PARAPHERNALIA

Does Council own or borrow officers' robes? .....
"The Beautiful Piece of Work".....
Ancient Vessels .....
Triangular Tables .....
Covers .....
Has Council Arches?.....
Are Arches realistic?.....
Are they easily erected and removed?.....
Candlesticks .....
Ark .....
The Deposit .....
No. of cyphers—R. and S. M.?.....
S. E. M.?.....
Monitors .....

OPENING CEREMONIES

Number of members at assembly of inspection? .....
Number of other companions present?....
Signs .....
Reception of Inspector?.....

WORK

R. M.—Attention given P. C. of W.....
Formation of circle.....
Formation of Cherubim.....
Reception lines and circle.....
Clearness of means of recognition, signs and grip .....
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S. M.—Reception of candidate.....
Sounds of Work.....
Clearness of signs, grip, etc.....
The Deposit .....
S. E. M.....
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T. I. M.....
D. I. M.....
P. C. of W.....
C. of G.....
C. of C.....
Steward .....
Give full name, office held and Post Office address of each officer absent from inspection. (Note excuses if any.).....
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EXPENSES

Transportion .....$.....
Hotel .....$.....

Total.....$.....

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Inspector.....*Arch.*.

This report should be mailed to the M. Ill. Grand Master *immediately* after inspection is made, inclosing a personal letter to him if there are any matters not covered by this report of which he should be advised. With the last report forwarded you will transmit a duplicate bill of expense for all inspections.

REMARKS.

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November 1, 1905, the usual official circular announcing inspections were issued and mailed together with a copy of the new inspection blank to the Master and Recorder of every Council in Ohio, of which the following is a copy:

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO

Office of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

605 Society of Savings,

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 1, A. D. 1905, Y. D. 2905.

To the Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

GREETING:

In accordance with the established law the Councils of the State are hereby divided into nine Arches, with a competent Companion in charge of each Arch, directed to supervise, instruct and inspect for the ensuing year, each Council in the Arch to which said Inspector is assigned. The Division is as follows:

FIRST ARCH

Comp. Edward H. Archer, Rt. Ill. Dep. Grand Master, Columbus, Inspector of Councils: —

NO.		(T. ILL. MASTERS)	(RECORDERS)
2, Union,	Steubenville,	J. R. Sweeny,	H. R. Linton,
7, Bigelow,	Newark,	A. L. Rawlings,	A. P. Taylor.
8, Columbus,	Columbus,	B. O. Brown,	W. E. Joseph,
12, Zanesville,	Zanesville,	R. H. McFarland,	H. H. Philo,
56, Gebal,	Urichsville,	L. F. Romig,	L. E. Everett.
74, Guernsey,	Cambridge,	J. W. Barton,	W. S. Campbell.
76, Kinsman,	Mt. Vernon,	R. M. Greer,	S. M. Peterman.

SECOND ARCH

Comp. Milton B. Dickerson, Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Marion, Inspector of Councils: —

9, Reese,	Dayton,	John Cissna,	C. D. Kidd,
17, Springfield,	Springfield,	C. A. Schuster,	O. H. Anderson,
19, Hamilton,	Hamilton,	F. B. Edmands,	W. A. Seward,
44, Omega,	Salem,	J. G. Augustine,	C. C. Snyder.
47, Clinton,	Tiffin,	A. M. Hart,	R. L. Knapp.
85, Logan,	Bellefontaine,	W. E. Sloan,	W. N. Marshall.
89, S. S. Jewell,	Marysville,	J. M. Brodrick,	C. S. Hamilton.

THIRD ARCH

Comp. John F. Lane, M. Ill. Past Grand Master, Conneaut, Inspector of Councils: —

13, Wooster,	Wooster,	G. J. Schwartz,	J. B. Minier.
50, Findlay,	Findlay,	J. V. Gore,	D. L. Grable.
64, Fremont,	Fremont,	W. S. Lewis,	H. S. Dorr.
72, Delphos,	Delphos,	J. H. Cowdin,	J. E. Fast.
73, Van Wert,	Van Wert,	H. V. Olney,	I. H. Malick.
86, Elyria,	Elyria,	C. H. Loughrey,	G. H Mapes.
94, Mansfield,	Mansfield,	F. H. Marquis,	H. M. Alvord.

FOURTH ARCH

Comp. Wm. E. Evans, Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder, Chillicothe, Inspector of Councils: —

32, Moriah,	Gallipolis,	G. W. C. Poore,	J. C. Vanden.
36, Cleveland,	Cleveland,	J. K. Corwin,	H. E. Morrison,
46, Bosworth,	Pomeroy,	F. E. Bolton,	G. H. Parker,
75, N. Lexington,	New Lexington,	H. F. Acker,	J. F. McMahon.
78, Marietta,	Marietta,	W. J. Kirkwood,	A. W. Tompkins.
88, Lancaster,	Lancaster,	F. L. Mauger,	C. W. Matthews.
92, Ohio,	Ironton,	J. D. Foster,	Alfred Robinson.

FIFTH ARCH

Comp. Rev. V. F. Brown, Rt. Ill. Grand Chaplain, Dayton, Inspector of Councils: —

1, Cincinnati,	Cincinnati,	W. J. Strauss,	Joseph Kirkup,
14, Franklin,	Troy,	W. G. Wells,	E. M. Faulkner.
16, Hillsboro,	Hillsboro,	G. L. Garrett,	C. W. Anderson.
59, Urbana,	Urbana,	E. E. Cheney,	J. S. Merrill.
77, Wyoming,	Wyoming,	H. Ruckelhausen,	Leslie Webb,
84, Delaware,	Delaware,	J. B. Taggart,	W. M. Seamans.
93, Lafayette,	Piqua,	W. H. Swift,	J. R. Miles.

SIXTH ARCH

Comp. Warren J. Baker, Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard, Toledo, Inspector of Councils: —

22, Marion,	Marion,	H. Thompson,	G. S. McGuire,
26, Sandusky City,	Sandusky,	John Traub,	J. D. Lea,
55, Occonoxee,	Defiance,	R. T. Whitaker,	F. J. Papenhagen.
68, Wauseon,	Wauseon,	Guy B. Tuthill,	F. W. Moyer.
81, St. Marys,	St. Marys,	V. Bodey,	H. E. Henderson.
82, Bellevue,	Bellevue,	Frank P. Hale,	Charles Matz.
90, Fostoria,	Fostoria,	B. B. Campbell,	C. E. Davis.

SEVENTH ARCH

Comp. Charles H. Giessen, Ill. Grand Conductor of Council, Cleveland, Inspector of Councils: —

24, Norwalk,	Norwalk,	C. N. Frazier,	J. H. Gross.
33, Toledo,	Toledo,	H. A. La Vey,	E. W. Eastell,
35, Canton,	Canton,	Chas. Dickerhoff,	Chas. Silverman,
40, Conneaut,	Conneaut,	H. S. Schalk,	H. D. Prosser.
58, Warren,	Warren,	Jas. S. Gildard,	Fred T. Stone, (pro tem.)
80, Akron,	Akron,	A. H. Price,	W. E. Waugh,
87, Bellaire,	Bellaire,	T. M. Roseberry,	Will Daugherty.

EIGHTH ARCH

Comp. I. L. Oppenheimer, Ill. Grand Steward, Pomeroy, Inspector of Councils: —

4, Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	A. E. Culter,	J. W. Best.
15, Athens,	Athens,	B. A. Headley,	J. A. Palmer.
39, HockHocking,	Logan,	A. W. Mauck,	C. W. James.
54, Belmont,	St. Clairsville,	C. W. Carroll,	J. B. Meyer.
60, Tyrian,	Circleville,	R. A. Brown,	S. L. Grigsby.
71, Trowel,	Jackson,	H. C. Murfin,	W. H. Sloan.
79, Solomon,	Portsmouth,	A. J. Fuller,	George Padan.

NINTH ARCH

Comp. C. C. Bliss, Thrice Ill. Past Master, Delphos, Inspector of Councils: —

20, Lima,	Lima,	G. P. Conner,	Wallace Landis.
41, London,	London,	C. E. Arbuckle,	G. W. Clark.
65, Kenton,	Kenton,	John Wilson,	B. L. Thompson.
69, Putnam,	Ottawa,	S. F. DeFord,	J. T. Maidlow.
70, Sidney,	Sidney,	A. W. Reddish,	W. R. Blake.
83, Gwynn,	Bucyrus,	R. V. Vaughan,	Cyrus H. Fisher.
91, Matchette,	Greenville,	J. I. Allread,	G.A.Katzenberger

This early division is made that every possible good desired from the system of annual inspection by the Grand Council may be obtained.

The close and careful attention of every Thrice Illustrious Master, Officer and Companion of Subordinate Councils in Ohio is directed to the terms of this circular, which with the exception of

the portion naming Inspectors and Officers of other Councils in Ohio, is ordered to be read in *full* in open Council at the next Stated Assembly succeeding its receipt.

The names of Officers of Subordinate Councils given in this circular are those serving, at present, in those capacities. The Recorder of every Council in Ohio will be furnished with three postal card blanks. At the approaching election the newly elected Recorder will fill out *all three* blanks, giving the names of the *new* Officers, and *immediately* upon leaving the Council Chamber after installation will mail the blanks, one to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, one to the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder and one to the Inspector of the Arch, in which your Council is located. Do not neglect to do this or fail to give on each blank the correct postal address of the new Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder.

Subordinate Councils *must not* neglect the holding of the annual election as prescribed by their by-laws, as this practice is most reprehensible and leads to interminable confusion and delay in the year's work in both Grand and Subordinate Bodies. The proud distinction which we now enjoy, of being the largest grand jurisdiction of Royal and Select Masters in the world, can only be maintained as it has been won, by hard work. In line with this, it has been deemed wise to lay aside the inspection blank formerly used and substitute one more searching and rigid.

A copy of the new blank is furnished herewith, in order that each Council may know that which will be required and strive to make the very best possible showing, of which its Officers and Members are capable. Do not forget, in view of this, that the Inspectors are your friends and Companions who will hope and work as earnestly as you that your Council may make a good showing. While these Companions are your friends, in all that the word implies, they are also the personal representatives of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and clothed with all his authority and you should not fail in showing them all the honor, consideration and courtesy which you would show the Most Illustrious Grand Master could he have the pleasure of being your guest on the occasion of your inspection.

Your attention is especially directed to Article II, Section 9 of

the By-Laws of the Most Illustrious Grand Council and the enforcement of its provisions. Many Councils suspend Companions for *non-payment of dues* and mistakenly allow them to remain in this state without further consideration. This should not be permitted. With the *utmost* charity and consideration for those with whom the battle of life has gone heavily, these lists should be wiped out by securing collection or expelling obstinate delinquents. If your Council is negligent appoint a committee forthwith, with positive instructions, to collect where possible, advise remission where proper and just, and failing in these, to prefer charges. Do not compel the Inspector to report your Council as having any Companions on your books "suspended for non-payment of dues". This law is a wisely framed and planned enactment and if strictly enforced will entirely stop the most serious drainage upon our membership.

In conclusion allow me to urge upon your Councils to make every effort to secure a large percentage of members at the annual inspection. Make this especially true of those members who are not in the habit of attending Assemblies. Hold every Stated Assembly this coming year and have work if possible. If candidates are not obtainable, hold your Stated Assemblies. An Assembly could scarcely be spent to better advantage than for mutual counsel and planning for larger things. The signs are propitious that the Cryptic Rite in Ohio stands on the verge of the greatest growth and progress given any branch of Masonry in years.

If our work but match our faith in this coming year there will be none who dare place a limit upon the magnificent total which shall grace our roster one year hence. May every Companion in Ohio be so personally interested in this year's work, every Council so prompt, so energetic and so diligent and every Grand Officer so loyal and faithful to you, whom he serves and the Cryptic Rite which we love that every Grand Council shall be proud to ac-

knowledge Ohio, the peer in quality, as it now is in numbers, of every other Grand Jurisdiction in the world.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, this first day of November, in the Year of the Deposit, Two thousand, nine hundred, five.

[SEAL]

WILLIAM A. SPILL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
WILLIAM E. EVANS, *Grand Recorder.*

More or less confusion has existed in Subordinate Councils in the past, as to the correct interpretation of the ritual. This has arisen from two sources. One source was the lack of careful study of the ritual on the part of inspectors and the other was begotten of this — inspectors being unwilling to direct Councils to render the work correctly and desist from giving erroneous renditions. It is to the credit of the Subordinate Councils of Ohio that every one has been eager for inspectors with the courage and authority to freely, frankly and fearlessly point out every error and the knowledge to teach the correct method.

Appreciating this I called the inspectors together at Cleveland, November 14 and 15, 1905, for the purpose of making a thorough study of the ritual and receiving such instructions as to their powers and duties as would fit them to meet this demand. November 14, 1905, the officers of Cleveland Council, No. 36, very kindly conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master before us. This was done that we might have ample opportunity to make notes and dissect the degrees for a thorough study and was not given as a possible standard. All day on November 15, 1906, was spent in close, careful study of the ritual and the discussion of every mooted point until a uniform rendition of the degrees was agreed upon as correct to every detail. The Grand Recorder kept such record of the meeting as was proper to be written for future reference and guidance. Written instructions were given each inspector for his

guidance as to matters not coming under the general head of ritual. I proceeded upon the theory that the interpretation of the ritual was in the hands of the Grand Master and that the interpretation promulgated by him, through his proxies the Inspectors of Arches, should be required as correct until a different version was ordered by this Grand Council. This method insures uniformity in every Council in Ohio. I would suggest that it would be an excellent idea for the inspecting force to meet the Deputy Grand Master, each year, shortly before the Annual Assembly and at the place where it is to be held for a similar conference. Vouchers on the Grand Treasurer for the actual expense of each inspector were duly approved and I trust this action will in turn be approved by you as the inspections in Ohio this year demonstrate that it was money wisely expended.

Each of the sixty-seven Councils has been inspected this year. Most of the inspections have been held several months earlier than usual. Six inspections were held prior to January 1, 1906.

Inspections are for the double purpose of perfecting and encouraging the Subordinate Councils in the work and advising the Grand Master of their condition. If this be true, inspections should be held at the earliest practicable moment. There is little chance to correct errors in May or June when the officers making them have ground them in by constant repetition and will go out of office with little or no chance for correction.

The Grand Master is in even a worse plight with a lazy or discouraged Council on his hands with reports coming to him in June or July. No amount of activity on his part can reach back into the past. The mill will never grind with the water which has passed. There is one great obstacle to progress in this direction. Experience in the work and close contact with Councils as Grand Master, have only served to deepen and strengthen the conviction I had when I first came to this body as to its duty in the premises. I shall speak further of this matter under the head of "Recommendations".

I have prepared a tabulated statement of the reports made to me by the inspectors and submit the same herewith, as I believe it should have the publicity afforded by being included in our printed annual proceedings as follows:

ANALYSIS OF INSPECTORS' REPORT

NAME	LOCATION	When Inspected Date	Quarters	Commodius	Condition of Same	No. Stated Assemblies	No. Special Assemblies	Average at Stated	Average at Special	Present Membership	Present at Inspection	Life Members	Fees for Degrees	Dues	Membership	No. in Arrears	Amount	Arches	Robes	Recorder Bonded	Treasurer Bonded	Council Confer S. R. M.	No. Officers Absent
ncinnati	Cincinnati	3-14-06	Rent	yes	good	10	0	30	0	200	85	$5	$ 15	$ 1 50	1	0	$ 0	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
nion	Steubenville	3-15-06	Rent	yes	good	3	2	11	14	137	34	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	Own	no	no	no	7
illicothe	Chillicothe	3-20-06	Own	yes	very good	8	2	25	0	214	70	0	10	1	2	4	7	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
gelow	Newark	12-6-05	Rent	yes	good	7	2	28	48	207	40	0	10	1	1	0	0	no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
lumbus	Columbus	2-21-06	Own	yes	the best	11	1	25	36	580	50	250	20	1	5	50	250	yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
eese	Dayton	2-2-06	Rent	yes	first class	8	0	65	0	505	245	184	15	1	1	5	6	yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
nesville	Zanesville	1-1-06	Rent	yes	good	9	0	10	0	167	30	0	10	1	1	1	3	no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
ooster	Wooster	12-22-05	Rent	yes	good	5	4	13	18	61	25	0	10	50	1	3	5	yes	Own	yes	yes	no	1
anklin	Troy	3-16-06	Rent	yes	fairly good	7	0	16	0	107	65	1	10	1	1	4	13	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
hens	Athens	1-18-06	Own	yes	fair	7	1	12	11	108	22	0	10	1	1	1	1	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
llsboro	Hillsboro	4-19-06	Own	yes	good	9	1	14	11	60	18	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
ringfield	Springfield	3-28-06	Rent	yes	good	12	3	20	70	246	65	0	15	1	2	18	51	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
milton	Hamilton	2-21-06	Rent	yes	very good	12	1	14	75	118	31	0	10	2	0	0	0	yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
ma	Lima	5-1-06	Own	yes	good	12	1	15	15	136	11	0	10	1 50	1	0	0	yes	Rent	no	no	yes	0
arion	Marion	5-16-06	Own	yes	excellent	12	0	30	0	250	165	21	15	1	1	24	24	no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
rwalk	Norwalk	5-9-06	Rent	yes	good	5	0	11	0	52	14	0	10	1	1	0	0	no	Own	no	no	no	0
ndusky City	Sandusky	2-9-06	Own	yes	good	6	0	20	0	167	32	0	10	1	0	10	20	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
oriah	Gallipolis	7-18-06	Rent	yes	very good	8	2	16	13	85	22	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	Rent	no	no	yes	0
ledo	Toledo	6-14-06	Own	yes	very good	12	2	15	44	500	150	0	20	1	2	0	0	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
nton	Canton	3-28-06	Own	yes	good	12	2	30	30	179	35	0	15	2	1	2	4	yes	Own	no	no	no	1
eveland	Cleveland	6-26-06	Rent	yes	very good	10	1	35	250	622	133	70	15	1	5	20	67	yes	Own	no	no	yes	0
ckhocking	Logan	4-2-06	Rent	yes	good	2	1	10	9	64	11	1	10	1	1	18	50 50	no	Own	no	no	no	1
nneaut	Conneaut	2-23-06	Rent	not very	good	12	3	35	75	210	104	0	10	1	0	18	97	yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
ndon	London	2-20-06	Rent	yes	good	1	0	9	0	96	14	0	10	1	2	11	18	yes	Rent	no	no	no	2
nega	Salem	5-28-06	Rent	yes	fine	9	2	20	28	144	35	0	10	1	2	0	0	no	Own	no	no	yes	2
sworth	Pomeroy	4-19-06	Rent	yes	very good	6	2	16	10	67	36	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	Own	no	no	no	1
nton	Tiffin	4-20-06	Rent	yes	good	10	3	11	17	81	19	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	Rent	no	no	no	0
ndlay	Findlay	2-12-06	Rent	yes	good	7	6	20	15	85	30	0	10	1	1	2	5	no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
lmont	St. Clairsville	5-8-06	Own	yes	very good	5	0	12	0	49	16	0	10	1	1	0	0	yes	None	no	no	no	1
-co-nox-ee	Defiance	3-16-06	Rent	yes	fair	10	1	14	14	131	22	0	10	1	1	0	0	no	Rent	no	no	no	0
bal	Urichsville	1-30-06	Rent	yes	good	6	0	12	0	116	28	0	10	1	1	5	10	yes	None	no	no	yes	0

rren	Warren	4-6-06	Own	yes	very good	12	2	16	102	202	48	0	$ 10	$ 1	50	$ 1	50	18	$30		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	2
ana	Urbana	4-13-06	Rent	yes	good	7	1	19	24	92	87	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	1
ian	Circleville	4-3-06	Own	yes	very good	5	2	11	12	88	24	0	10	1			0	0	0		no	Rent	no	yes	no	0
mont	Fremont	12-12-05	Rent	yes	good	5	0	15	0	82	14	0	10	1		1		7	28		yes	Rent	no	no	no	3
nton	Kenton	2-9-06	Own	yes	excellent	6	0	25	0	127	20	0	10	1		1		8	20		yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
useon	Wauseon	1-4-06	Rent	yes	excellent	7	0	25	0	107	28	0	10	1		1		1	4		yes	Rent	no	no	no	1
nam	Ottawa	2-13-06	Rent	yes	good	4	0	30	0	113	38	0	10	1		1		3	9	95	yes	Own	no	yes	yes	1
ney	Sidney	4-19-06	Rent	yes	fair	12	2	20	21	90	18	0	10	1		1		15	40		yes	None	no	no	no	0
wel	Jackson	3-15-06	Own	yes	very good	4	1	12	32	124	35	0	10	1		2		19	41		yes	Own	no	no	no	2
phos	Delphos	3-16-06	Rent	yes	very good	7	1	20	30	70	28	0	10	1		1		0	0		no	None	no	no	yes	0
Wert	Van Wert	3-30-06	Rent	yes	good	6	2	25	22	135	22	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	1
rnsey	Cambridge	12-19-05	Rent	yes	only fair	3	1	12	12	69	14	0	10		75	1		0	0		yes	None	no	no	yes	4
w Lexington	New Lexington	6-5-06	Rent	yes	very good	9	2	13	24	97	30	0	10	1		1		0	0		no	Own	no	no	*	2
sman	Mt. Vernon	2-16-06	Rent	yes	good	12	1	16	18	140	50	0	10	1		1		5	10		no	Own	no	no	*	0
oming	Wyoming	6-12-06	Rent	yes	good	4	0	15	0	52	9	0	10	1		1		8	8		no	Own	no	no	no	1
ietta	Marietta	5-2-06	Rent	yes	very good	9	2	16	18	153	26	0	10	1		0		0	0		no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
omon	Portsmouth	4-16-06	Rent	yes	good	10	4	15	14	134	42	0	10	1		2		3	6		yes	Own	no	no	no	0
ron	Akron	3-14-06	Rent	yes	excellent	7	1	38	17	147	57	0	12	1		1		2	2		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	0
Marys	St. Marys	3-28-06	Rent	yes	excellent	10	1	15	15	75	15	0	10	1		1		9	10	75	no	Rent	no	no	yes	1
levue	Bellevue	3-8-06	Rent	yes	excellent	6	0	14	0	70	15	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	None	no	no	no	1
ynn	Bucyrus	4-12-06	Rent	yes	good	10	3	15	25	119	20	0	10	1		2		23	26	75	no	Rent	no	no	yes	0
aware	Delaware	3-19-06	Rent	yes	very good	12	0	25	0	100	38	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	1
au	Bellefontaine	4-11-06	Rent	yes	first class	12	2	28	31	105	34	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	0
ria	Elyria	11-23-05	Rent	yes	fair	6	2	14	10	85	34	0	10	2		3		3	6		yes	Own	no	no	no	0
laire	Bellaire	5-16-06	Rent	yes	good	8	5	25	20	97	39	0	12	1		1		0	0		yes	None	no	no	no	0
caster	Lancaster	5 24-06	Rent	yes	first class	8	0	9	0	89	19	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	0
. Jewell	Marysville	5-7-06	Rent	yes	very good	8	2	12	14	33	28	0	10	1		2		0	0		yes	Rent	no	no	yes	1
toria	Fostoria	3-9-06	Rent	yes	excellent	11	0	14	0	75	14	0	10	1		1		0	0		no	Rent	no	no	no	2
chette	Greenville	3-8-06	Rent	yes	good	9	2	12	14	32	17	0	10	1	50	1		1	3		yes	None	no	no	no	1
o	Ironton	12-11-05	Own	yes	very good	12	2	12	11	38	22	0	10	1		1		0	0		no	None	no	no	no	1
Fayette	Piqua	2-13-06	Own	yes	good	10	4	19	20	73	26	0	10	1		1		0	0		no	Own	no	no	no	0
nsfield	Mansfield	4-27-06	Rent	yes	very good	9	6	40	87	125	105	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	yes	1
amos	East Liverpool	8-8-06	Rent	yes	good	4	2	11	10	80	28	0	10	1	50	1	50	0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	1
ght	Xenia	6-13 06	Rent	yes	very good	3	5	12	12	42	28	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	0
nesville	Barnesville	9-24-06	Rent	very	very good	1	0	28	28	41	35	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	1
per Sandusky	Upper Sandusky	9-28-06	Rent	yes	very good	1	0	30	0	31	30	0	10	1		1		0	0		yes	Own	no	no	no	0

*Communicate

A study of this table discloses that seventeen out of sixty-seven Councils have held every Stated Assembly.

In other words nearly seventy-five per cent. have failed to hold Stated Assemblies as they fell due. This practice is most pernicious and should be corrected. The "pre-requisite" feature is something, as to the value of which, there may be much honest difference of opinion. This much is true, we have managed to exist very comfortably for Seventy-Six years without it and possibly could manage to exist for a number of years further, but the Councils of Ohio that do not hold their Stated Assemblies are losing their grip on existence with every one that is missed. No Council can be either successful or prosperous and neglect to hold its Stated Assemblies. The missing numbers on our list of Councils remind us of "the dead". This truthful epitaph might be written on the tombstone of each: "It failed to hold its Stated Assemblies". This also explains the very small attendance at Assemblies. Companions will not leave their families and their firesides for a trip in a winter storm to attend an Assembly, when they know that the chances are more than even that there will be neither Officers nor Assembly at the end of the trip. It is a mistaken idea that Candidates make Assemblies. Assemblies make Candidates. A study of this table will demonstrate that the Councils, rendering the best account of themselves during the past year, are not those who have been negligent in this regard.

Trustee Ohio Masonic Home.

December 6, 1905, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home informed me that the term of Illustrious Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, representing this Grand Council, as Trustee would expire December 31, 1905. Being assured of his acceptance I was pleased to appoint him to succeed himself for a term of three years ending December 31, 1908.

Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Under date of May 27, 1906, the special committee appointed to procure and present to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Nelson Williams the usual jewel reported that it had performed that duty at the rendezvous of Ohio Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cincinnati, May 24, 1906.

Dispensation for Councils.

March 8, 1906, an application was received from Companion Joseph T. Croxall and eight other Companions, all Select Masters holding dimits from Union Council, No. 2, residing in East Liverpool, Columbiana County, praying for a Dispensation empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of their residence to be known as Keramos Council. The dimits, necessary fee and consents of neighboring Councils accompanied the application. There was also filed a statement of the prospects for the welfare and growth of this Council and the earnest recommendation of the nearest Council, Union, No. 2, at Steubenville, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Accordingly the Dispensation was issued March 14, 1906, and empowered Companion Croxall and his associates to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said city of East Liverpool under the style of "Keramos Council, U. D.," with Companion Joseph T. Croxall, Thrice Illustrious Master; Companion Frank E. Groshaus, Deputy Illustrious Master, and Companion Will A. Rhodes, Principal Conductor of the Work. The same date I issued my proxy to Illustrious Companion B. Frank Murphy, Master of Union Council, No. 2, to organize the new Council, which duty he faithfully performed.

March 29, 1906, I received a petition signed by Illustrious Companion Lewis H. Whiteman and twelve other Companions, all Select Masters residing at Xenia, Greene County, praying a Dispensation empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Xenia. Illustrious Companion Whiteman was the last Master of the former Wright Council in that City.

He, with four others, presented Grand Recorder's certificates. The remaining eight were members of Reese Council, No. 9, at Dayton, which recommended them as such. The fee and all necessary papers accompanying the application a Dispensation was issued March 29, 1906, empowering Illustrious Companion Whiteman as Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion Eber Reynolds, Deputy Illustrious Master; Companion George C. Barns, Principal Conductor of the Work, and their ten Companions to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Said City of Xenia to be known as "Wright Council, U. D." Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Evans accepted my proxy to organize this Council, and all concerned assure me that his discharge of that duty proved the wisdom of the selection.

August 18, 1906, Companion Andrew J. Baggs of Barnesville, Belmont County, in person handed me the petition of himself and twenty-six other Select Masters, all members in good standing of Belmont Council, No. 54, asking for a Dispensation for a Council of Royal and Select Masters in that city. Accompanying the application was the recommendation and consents of all Councils whose territory would be affected, with a blue-print map showing changes in jurisdiction, a written transcript of the minutes of meetings held by the applicants for the purpose of procuring Dispensation and the fee. I had consulted with many Companions in regard to this matter and from their hearty approval had no hesitation in issuing a Dispensation for Companion Baggs and his twenty-six associates to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said city under the style of "Barnesville Council, U. D." I issued my proxy to Most Illustrious Companion Edwin Morrell to organize the Council with Companion Andrew J. Baggs as Thrice Illustrious Master; Companion Josiah W. Doudna, as Deputy Illustrious Master and Companion Parren U. Hawkins as Principal Conductor of the Work. This duty he reported to me was discharged August 23, 1906.

September 17, 1906, I received from Companion J. W. Byers and thirty-one other Companions, all of whom were Select Masters and residing in and about the City of Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County, an application for a Dispensation to form, open and hold

a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said city of Upper Sandusky to be known as "Upper Sandusky Council, U. D." The recommendation and consent of five Councils, viz., Marion, No. 22; Findlay, No. 50; Kenton, No. 65; Gwynn, No. 83; and Fostoria, No. 90, together with the fee and a list of some thirty or more Royal Arch Masons who pledged themselves to petition for the degrees if the application was granted, were filed with it. I hesitated to issue this Dispensation because of a number of reasons, among them the nearness of the time for the Annual Assembly of this body, but after some ten days of careful investigation I felt convinced that it was my duty in the premises to issue the Dispensation. I have urged upon Subordinate Councils during the entire year that there was no time nor place to work like "here and now" and accordingly on September 28, 1906, a Dispensation was issued to Companion Byers and his thirty-one associates empowering them to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said City of Upper Sandusky under the style of "Upper Sandusky Council, U. D.," with Companion J. W. Byers as Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion James W. McDermott as Deputy Illustrious Master, and Companion G. W. Simpson as Principal Conductor of the Work. And on the same day I went to Upper Sandusky and duly organized this new body and set it to work upon what I trust will be a long and prosperous career. The new Council is partially equipped with paraphernalia and has already ordered from reliable manufacturers a full and complete equipment of paraphernalia. Upper Sandusky is the County seat of Wyandot County and the new Council will have two Royal Arch Chapters from which to draw membership. In all of these cases the fees have been turned over to the Grand Recorder and the papers and memoranda are in my hands subject to your orders.

Waiver of Jurisdiction.

February 17, 1906, Most Illustrious Companion Martin T. Balsley, Grand Master of Missouri, requested a waiver of jurisdiction over Alexander P. Bunker, a Urichsville Royal Arch Mason, temporarily in St. Louis, who desired to receive the degrees in

Hiram Council, No. 1, of St. Louis. Gebal Council, No. 56, was the only power that could waive jurisdiction and I referred the request to it. It waived jurisdiction which I was pleased to approve and thus comply with the request of our sister jurisdiction.

Charter of Cincinnati Council, No. 1.

The charter ordered for Cincinnati Council, No. 1, was duly drawn and signed and confided to the keeping of Illustrious Companion Frank W. Hendley, Master, as directed by you one year ago.

Appontment of Grand Treasurer.

The vacancy caused by death in the office of Grand Treasurer was filled by the appointment of Illustrious Companion Robert V. Hampson, Past Master of Omega Council, No. 44, and his installation into office by the Grand Master at an emergent Assembly of that Council May 28, 1906. Official notice was given all Councils of the appointment as follows:

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO.

Office of the M. Ill. Grand Master,

605 Society for Savings,

CLEVELAND, O., May 18, 1906.

To all Royal and Select Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

GREETING:

Illustrious Companion Robert V. Hampson of Salem, Ohio, Past Master of Omega Council, No. 44, R. and S. M., is hereby appointed Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Grand Treasurer, Right Illustrious Companion Henry

True. The newly appointed Grand Treasurer will hold office until his successor is elected and installed by the Grand Council.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, this eighteenth day of May, A. D. 1906, A. Dep. 2906.

[SEAL]

WILLIAM A. SPILL,
Grand Master.

WILLIAM E. EVANS, *Grand Recorder.*

Dispensations Granted.

This year I warned Councils that neglect of Annual Elections would not be tolerated and that Councils guilty of this practice would not be encouraged in the practice by the granting of Special Dispensations to hold their Annual Elections at a later date. I am happy to say that no Dispensations were asked or granted by reason of failure to elect or install on time. All requests for Dispensations to confer degrees at Assemblies held in the jurisdiction of the requesting Council but in some city other than that of its location were granted. In every such Dispensation the place of Assembly was limited to the Lodge room of the Blue Lodge, designating it by name and number, in the city to be visited. But one request for a Dispensation was refused. This was a request for permission to entertain and act upon petitions for the degrees at other than a Stated Assembly.

The list of dispensations granted follows:

February 6, 1906. To Gebal Council, No. 56, to hold a Special Assembly at New Philadelphia, March 24, 1906, to confer degrees.

February 16, 1906. To Delaware Council, No. 84, to elect and install a Conductor of Council to fill a vacancy at the next Stated Assembly.

February 27, 1906. To Guernsey Council, No. 74, to remove its property and effects to and hold its Stated Assemblies in the new Masonic Temple in Cambridge.

March 14, 1906. To Companion Joseph T. Croxall and eight others to form, open and hold Keramos Council, U. D.

March 29, 1906. To Illustrious Companion Lewis H. Whiteman and twelve others to form, open and hold Wright Council, U. D.

May 31, 1906. To Omega Council, No. 44, to hold a Special Assembly at Lisbon, June 8, 1906, to confer degrees.

June 21, 1906. To Elyria Council, No. 86, to remove its property and effects to and hold its Stated Assemblies in the new Masonic Temple in Elyria.

June 6, 1906. To Belmont Council, No. 54, to hold a Special Assembly at Barnesville, July 27, 1906, to confer degrees.

July 16, 1906. To Elyria Council, No. 86, to open and hold a Stated Assembly of said Council, in the absence of the three principal officers, Illustrious Companion Clark Laughrey acting as Master.

August 8, 1906. To Companion Andrew J. Baggs and twenty-six others to form, open and hold Barnesville Council, U. D.

September 28, 1906. To Companion J. W. Byers and thirty-one others to form, open and hold Upper Sandusky Council, U. D.

Decisions.

Question — Are members of a Council, whose names are signed to a petition for a Dispensation for a new Council, entitled to vote on a motion pending in such Council to grant its consent and recommendation to the establishment of such new Council?

Answer — Yes. The members signing such petition are members of the parent Council and retain all their rights and privileges as such until the Dispensation for the new Council is granted.

Question — May the officers of a Council be publicly installed, and if so, what is the proper procedure?

Answer — Yes. The Council must be opened in the Select Master's degree, work should then be suspended temporarily while

those not Select Masters are admitted and seated, and then labor is resumed at the sound of the gavel. At the close of the service the Companions are called up at sound of the gavel, further labor is suspended, to be resumed after those not Select Masters have retired. The Council upon resumption of labor must close in due form in the Select Master's degree.

Question — May a Council of Royal and Select Masters receive and entertain the petition for the degrees of a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason, provided the petitioner is otherwise in good standing, and has resided for the twelve months preceding the date of such petition within the jurisdiction of the Council to which it is presented?

Answer — No.

Question — How may a Royal Arch Mason, who has received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a Chapter in the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter, exercising control over those degrees, become a member of a Council in Ohio?

Answer — He must first be formally Healed, after which he may petition for and be admitted to membership under the usual conditions imposed upon a dimitted Select Master, save that, instead of presenting the usual dimit with the petition and fee, he must present satisfactory evidence that he has received the Royal and Select Master's degrees and has been formally Healed.

Recommendations.

Heretofore allusion has been made to an obstacle seriously interfering with the commencement of work in both Grand and Subordinate Bodies. This is the present law requiring Subordinate elections held in December. Every reason seems to demand a change. *The year in Grand and Subordinate Bodies should be identical, if possible.* One now ends in July, the other in December. Councils frequently do little work in summer and active labor is not resumed until after the election and installation of officers. This halts progress until January or February and from three to four of the best working months of the year are lost. Elections

at the end of the fiscal year instead of in its opening months eliminate the delay while new officers are mastering the ritual. The Masters who represent Councils in this body should be the men beginning, not the men ending their term in office. In Ohio it is the general rule that merchants are free from business cares save in the December holiday season. The present system deprives us of the help of this large part of our membership by requiring elections at the only time in the year when they can not be present. Many other reasons urge a change. I would therefore recommend that Article II, Section 5 (page 15), of the Constitution of the Grand Council be amended to read substantially as follows:

"Section 5. The officers of the several Subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually, by ballot, without nomination, at the State Assembly, immediately preceding the Festival of St. John, the Baptist, and be installed before the first day of August, next thereafter."

This would place all Subordinate elections in June, make Grand and Subordinate years identical and greatly ease the work of the Grand Recorder by eliminating the present postal card election returns and ritual receipts. Annual returns would show the new and correct list of officers and the ritual receipt could be incorporated in the annual return.

Three years ago the Grand Master, then serving, recommended a new Code. This was referred to the Committee on Accounts which overlooked the reference. The present Code is old and for the large part obsolete. I would therefore recommend that this Body prepare and publish a Code embodying the Constitution, by-laws, decisions to date, resolutions, consecration service, installation service and monitorial work with a complete set of forms and such other matter as it deems proper, the whole properly indexed and issued to replace the outgrown pamphlet now in use.

I am opposed to ritual "tinkering". But at present we have a very small number of rituals on hand and many in use are much the worse for wear and will soon need to be exchanged. A new edition is required for the near future. When the new edition is issued there are a few minor details in which it should be improved over the present. Every Ohio Council changing from one

degree to the other adds a formula for informing the Sentinel of the change. It is also the practice to illustrate the means of recognition after explaining it. Masters in the second section rightly direct the admission of Candidates for the Royal Master's degree although the ritual does not. The ritual nowhere specifically directs that monitorial readings be given, and the cypher in several instances is misunderstood because of its obscurity. Beside this there are too many rituals afloat in this jurisdiction, authorized, partly authorized and unauthorized. This has resulted in gross carelessness and many rituals belonging to this Body have been lost. I would therefore recommend that a new edition of the ritual be issued, with changes that will make it clear and standard and that this edition be consecutively numbered and but one given to each Council, the Master to be held rigidly responsible for its safe keeping.

I would recommend that when the new edition of the ritual is issued that all other editions be called in and destroyed and that this Body provide legislation making the dissemination, possession or use of anything purporting to be a copy of the work of these degrees save by lawful authority, a Masonic offense and subject the offender to expulsion.

I would recommend that we change our law to conform to our practice and that instead of the Grand Master distributing rituals that this work be done by the Grand Recorder upon the Grand Master's requisition, and that the Grand Recorder make and keep in his office a record of all rituals loaned, with name of recipient and date, together with signed receipts for the same. Masters should be required to obtain receipts from their successors for all rituals before installing them and in case the proposed change in the time of annual elections is made these receipts should be incorporated in the annual Council returns to the Grand Recorder and required to be signed as a part thereof.

This year vigorous attention has been given the question of suspensions for non-payment of dues. I have striven to force upon Councils an absolute compliance with Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of the Grand Council. Most Councils labor under the impression that there is some better method of correct-

ing the heavy drain on the membership made by suspensions than in the observance of this law. There is nothing more pitiable than the way some Councils flounder along from year to year in the financial mire when obedience to this law would place them on a sound footing. I have heard much talk about the "cruelty" of driving Companions out because they could not afford to pay their dues.

This is sheer nonsense. If any Companion has been so unfortunate that the payment of the small sum required for dues would be burdensome, our Masonry is a shame and a mockery, if we even permit him to be suspended for non-payment when the dues may be so easily remitted. Our knowledge of our Companions and the Masonic principle of "Brotherly Relief" should be broad enough to cover all cases of this kind. The other fellow who can pay and will not, is entitled to no consideration, and the sooner such barnacles are scraped from the ship, the sooner will our rate of speed increase. There are a few Companions who can pay but do not because of the failure of Recorders to make an attempt to collect. The present law is weak in not being mandatory, as it is in other Ohio Masonic bodies, and in allowing Recorders, of the family of Ahishar, to punish absent Companions for the result of their own incompetency and neglect. I therefore recommend that Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution, be amended to read substantialy as follows:

"Subordinate Councils shall have authority to assess, upon their membership from time to time, such dues, not less than one dollar per annum, as they deem proper, and the by-laws of the Council shall designate the amount of dues so assessed and the time for payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member; and it is hereby made the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to cause the Recorder to enter suspended, every member who is now, or hereafter may become in arrears for dues for six months after the time fixed for payment; and within ten days from the date of such entry, and forthwith in the case of Companions heretofore suspended for non-payment of dues, notice of such suspension, under seal of Council, giving amount of dues owed and a copy of this law shall be sent by the Recorder by registered mail to the last *known* address of such delinquent, and the registry receipt thereof shall be kept on file as evidence of the service of such notice. If the dues of such suspended member are

not paid within three months from the date of mailing such notice, or have not been remitted for good cause, then charges must be preferred against such member for contumacy and trial had. If the dues are unpaid the finding of a verdict of "not guilty" upon the charges, shall remit all dues of the delinquent to date and the Recorder must enter said dues remitted. If the delinquent is found guilty he shall thereby be expelled and the Recorder shall forthwith enter him expelled."

Given a law such as this and a Grand Master who will compel the enforcement thereof, suspensions for non-payment of dues will be practically eliminated as an annual source of loss in membership in Ohio.

A number of Councils have no fee for membership but have been advised to charge a sum equal to the amount of one year's dues.

I would recommend legislation, making the minimum fee for membership, the amount of annual dues in the Council petitioned.

I would recommend that such Companions as serve as Inspectors in any year, who are not otherwise entitled to mileage and per diem, be allowed the same for attendance upon the Annual Assembly at the close of the year in which they served.

I would recommend that this Grand Council appropriate annually the sum of $120.00 to be paid quarterly in advance for the use of the Grand Master as a contingent fund, out of which he may defray actual expenses incurred by him in the discharge of the duties of his office.

Bound copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Council should be sent each Subordinate Council for its use. This has not been done every year as the idea has gained ground that the three copies sent Subordinate Councils for their use were for the personal use of the three principal officers. I would recommend that at least one copy, so sent, be substantially bound and plainly marked "For the use of the Council. Not to be taken from the Council Chamber." Many Councils are desirous of having complete sets of the Annual Proceedings but are unable to do so because the proceedings for a number of years are out of print. The proceedings of the missing years are small and it might be proper for this Body to consider the advisability of reprinting.

I would recommend that at least $500.00 be appropriated at this Assembly for the current expense fund, and at least $1500.00 for the endowment fund of the Ohio Masonic Home.

San Francisco Disaster.

When the news came of San Francisco's disaster our hearts went out to our brethren of the Pacific Coast. No formal call was issued to the Councils of Ohio as arrangements by national, state and city authorities seemed ample. I thought if any call was issued to Masons it should come from the Most Worshipful Grand Master and therefore deferred to him. Many Ohio Councils contributed, Reese Council alone voting $50.00, and the Companions individually gave as they could. I know that I voice your sentiments, when I say, that our California Companions have our genuine sympathy in the loss of the old San Francisco, and our earnest hope and prayer for the Greater San Francisco, which is to be.

Visitations.

During the year I have visited personally every Council I could and have everywhere been received with the honor and consideration due your Grand Master. Any attempt to particularize as to work, reception, banquet or enthusiasm would be sure to work injustice since all were equally excellent. Had time and business served I should have been glad to have visited others and undoubtedly would have found the same excellent conditions. The Councils visited were Cincinnati, No. 1; Columbus, No. 8; Cleveland, No. 36; Conneaut, No. 40; Warren, No. 58; Akron, No. 80; Gwynn, No. 83; Elyria, No. 86; Mansfield, No. 94; Keramos, U. D.; Wright, U. D. and Barnesville, U. D.

I take great pleasure in stating that each of the three Councils Under Dispensation is fully equipped for work, with all necessary paraphernalia, *including good Arches*, are well officered, render the ritual properly and give good evidence that they are entitled to receive Charters at this time.

General Grand Council.

During the entire year sickness in my family has interfered greatly with my absence from home for any length of time and this with business cares has operated to prevent visitations. In June, much to my regret, I was compelled to absent myself from the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council. After consultation with fellow officers I gave my proxy to the Grand Recorder, and am indebted to him for his acceptance of the same. Ohio was ably represented by Past Grand Masters Senter, Acklin, Lane, McLean, Lea, Palmer and Williams, Deputy Grand Master Archer, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Dickerson and Grand Recorder Evans. Twenty-seven Grand Councils are now constituents of the General Grand Council, while eight, viz., Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island are without the fold. Michigan was represented by a committee of three, who were to investigate and report. Upon their report depends the question of Michigan becoming a constituent. It is probable that another year will see this neighbor of ours a constituent Grand Council. Most Puissant General Grand Master Andrew P. Swanstrom of St. Paul, Minnesota, presided and delivered an able report of his stewardship. Ohio, as usual, was much in evidence. The present membership of the rite is 45,746. This was a net gain for the past three-year period of 7,941, which was an increase over the net gain of the preceding three years of 3,031. This proves very conclusively that the Cryptic Rite is making wonderful progress.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to say to you that the tables disclose that Ohio, alone, was responsible for *over* twenty-five per cent. of that net gain of 7,941. More funds being needed the dues from Grand Councils were changed from fifty cents for each Chartered Council to two cents per capita on the membership in good standing. This will change Ohio's dues for next year from $33.00 to $183.34. A matter of local interest and pride was the election of our Past Grand Master Acklin to the office of Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Master. While we heartily congratulate him upon his advancement we cannot be blind to the fact that the General Grand Council is entitled to congratulations

upon its wise selection. If there is one thing the average Ohio man can do better than anything else it is filling an office. All indications point to the continuation of the present strong and healthy growth of the Cryptic Rite everywhere. I regret very much my inability to be present but expect my proxy will later make further report to you.

Invitations.

Beside invitations from Ohio Councils to visit them that I would gladly have accepted could I have done so, I was favored with similar invitations from neighboring Grand Councils. The Grand Council of Indiana extended a very cordial invitation to attend its Fiftieth Annual Assembly and Semi-Centennial at Indianapolis, October 17 and 18, 1905. I was also invited to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of Chicago Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., on October 24, 1905, when sixty-two candidates received the degrees, and remain over the following day for the Fifty-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois. To Most Puissant Companion Gorgas, Grand Master, and Puissant Companion DuShane, Grand Sentinel, I am indebted for very urgent invitations extended on behalf of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania to attend its Sixtieth Annual Assembly at New Castle, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1906. Although I greatly appreciated the kindly fraternal spirit which prompted the invitations, and would have been glad to enjoy the pleasure of being present at all of these pleasant occasions, I felt that every second I could spare from my personal affairs ought to be used solely for the advancement of the Cryptic Rite in Ohio. I, therefore, sent my regrets and best wishes to these splendid neighbors of ours.

Super Excellent Degree.

In 1867 this Body recognized the existence of the Super Excellent Degree by permitting it to be conferred as an honorarium without charge. Later arrangements were made by which it was

conferred by this Body at Annual Assemblies. A form of ritual was provided, but the degree is not a part of the Cryptic Rite, and is in no wise connected with the Crypt or any of its legends. Subordinate Councils, and even this Grand Body itself, have not adhered to the ritual. My predecessors have apparently refused to exercise anything more than the most general control over the degree. Subordinate Councils have been allowed a free hand, as I believe they ought, to work out the details. This evening this degree will be conferred by a corps of officers under the direction of Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Nelson Williams. During the ceremonies Cincinnati Council, No. 1, and Marion Council, No. 22, will each confer their respective "Babylonish" sections on a portion of the class. The work of these two Councils, each the best in its class, represent the two types of additions to the ritual in use in Ohio Councils. I trust you will find them worthy of your consideration. At present 33 out of 66 Councils confer this degree at least once a year or oftener, 2 communicate it to all candidates receiving the Cryptic degrees, 6 are arranging to confer it annually and 25 disregard it altogether. Each Council given a Dispensation is furnished with three copies of the Super Excellent ritual.

General Conditions.

Although Ohio does lead all other jurisdictions we should be sensible as Select Masters that our obligations are increased in proportion to our privileges. During the year I have striven faithfully to gain new workers in our Crypts and at the same time more firmly unite and cement the brotherhood. All mail that came to my desk has received a prompt and full answer. Every Council has been freely given all the help and assistance that lay in my power to bestow. I have found the question of "pre-requisition" a fruitful one. Almost all of our Councils have a little local system of their own which works admirably. I believe in the "pre-requisite" feature. Any Mason who is so blinded by the flash of swords and the tossing of plumes that he needs must rush through the Sublime Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry with eyes that see not and ears that hear not the eternal verities upon which

the entire structure rests, is no more fit for the accolade of Christian Knighthood, than he was fit to be made an Entered Apprentice. There is force in the argument that such material will only add weakness if forced into the walls of the Crypt, but our institution, as at present governed, forces this material into Lodge and Chapter, and the strength of this argument goes to the need for fearless and unprejudiced use of the black ball in the election of Entered Apprentices. The question is one which the Templar authorities must settle and I doubt not that the time is rapidly approaching when the Grand Encampment will guard the interests of the Council as it now does those of Lodge and Chapter. Meanwhile Select Masters must never forget that the commanding position attained and held by the Cryptic Rite has been by internal rather than external means. Let us examine ourselves and by the elimination of weakness hasten the day when the Cryptic Rite will be in law as it is in fact a rightful part of the American or York Rite.

Some Councils still indulge in the idea that offices in a Council are "honors" to certain Companions because they are "good fellows", "old members", etc., etc. Offices in a Subordinate Council are opportunities to work and the only honor that is attached to any of them is that which arises from the faithful discharge of duty. The designation "Past Master" carries no honor for any one save what the wearer made for himself by hard work and conscientious endeavor in building up and strengthening the Council during his term of office. At annual elections we should ask but one question, "Who can and will render this Council the best year's work in this office?" The answer should go on our ballots in spite of personal leanings or prejudice and in spite of whether the answer names the youngest or the oldest man in the Council.

A habit among a very few Councils is that of saving all candidates for one or two gala Assemblies during the year. This is a decided mistake. The proper way is to hold Stated Assemblies and confer the degrees upon at least one candidate at every Stated Assembly if possible. It is infinitely better for the Council, the officers, and the candidates that you have one candidate at each of twelve Assemblies than twelve candidates at one Assembly. The

latter method is productive of poor work, faulty ritual, stumbling rendition of the degrees and a host of ills which Councils that faithfully and promptly advance candidates as elected, escape. Large classes of 20, 30 and even 40 are both desirable and commendable, but not at the expense of the remainder of the year.

A Council unable to properly handle one candidate has no business attempting to advance a class. When a candidate pays his money for the degrees and he and his fee are accepted by a Council, a moral as well as a legal duty demand that he be given *value* in the shape of degrees accurately and intelligently conferred. Councils should remember this and above all else strive to give *honest value* for the consideration passing to them from their candidates. Negligence of this simple rule of business honesty will do more than any other thing to bring the Cryptic Rite into disrepute and create in our newly-acquired material the idea that the Cryptic Rite is a "side issue" or a "hold-up".

Every Council should have a complete, alphabetical list of Royal Arch Masons in its jurisdiction eligible for the degrees with the address of each. With the many Masonic directories it should be an easy task to compile such a list for any Council. Having compiled it, the Council should keep it corrected to date and by systematic, energetic, judicious missionary efforts reduce it materially from year to year.

A number of Councils are keeping close watch on material in their jurisdiction with splendid results. Sandusky City Council, No. 26, has now no Royal Arch Masons in its jurisdiction who have not received the degrees, unless it be that there may have been two or three very recently exalted. Occonnoxee Council, No. 55, has a membership which is larger by three than that of the Chapter located in the same city, — Defiance.

These are splendid records and not only should but can be equaled by many other Ohio Councils.

The Cryptic Rite contains two of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry. Their teachings are sublime. Even were there no historical basis for the claim, their own intrinsic merit demonstrates the justice of their proud claim to complete the circle of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry. How intimate is their con-

nection with the sublime degree of a Master Mason! How they blend into the setting of the Holy Royal Arch! How beautifully is friendship's blue woven and threaded into the warp and woof of zealous scarlet to make the Royal Purple which clothes the friend and companion of kings! In all Masonry there is no place save here where we may meet Israel's matchless Master Builder face to face.

Here and here alone do we hear from his lips the simple but eloquent evidence which settles forever any question as to the right of the widow's son to rank as one of the ancient three. Is it possible that we who have been admitted to this royal fellowship shall prove insensible to our duty to bring others into the same clear light which it gives to illumine our Masonic system?

There are nearly twenty-four thousand Royal Arch Masons in Ohio, of whom but a bare third have penetrated the Ninth Arch and learned the true significance of the ceremonies through which they have passed as Capitular Masons. It is true that Ohio has accomplished much. It is true that Ohio is the world's premier Grand Council. It is true that in numbers we are far in the lead of all our sister jurisdictions. But in view of the great work which yet remains to be accomplished have we any time to waste in idle flattery or vain self-gratulation? Ought we not rather to consider in view of the past that much more will be required of Ohio in the future by the world of Cryptic Masonry?

I have known the spirit of helpful, hopeful, confident earnestness which has taken deep hold on the Cryptic Rite in Ohio. My associations with you have taught me to love and respect the Select Masters of Ohio and I believe I much mistake your zeal and your enthusiasm if what is past be aught but an earnest of what the future holds.

Conclusion.

The time is nearly come when I shall return into your hands the authority with which you vested me one year ago and resume my place among the workers in the ranks. While I have made mistakes you have been ever kind and patient and this encourages the hope that you will accept the service rendered, as a discharge

of the solemn vow assumed to serve you faithfully and to the best of my ability. The measure of your loyalty has never lessened. The zeal of your devotion has never abated. I trust it has taught your Grand Master the lesson of united service. The results vouchsafed us this year are the work of your hands, not his. Thanks are due to every one of my fellow-officers and inspectors for help that was given freely upon all occasions. Especially is this true of our able Grand Recorder. The strength and support which I have found him can not be expressed in mere words. May his shadow never grow less! I might name our Past Grand Masters and many others, but why particularize? Each and all of you in your several stations have given help, assistance and counsel, according to the full measure of your ability. Companions, from my heart I thank you all.

The Cryptic Rite flourishes today as never before. The days have been long and the labor hard but at last this beautiful rite is coming unto its own. For a time despised and rejected, the missing work is at last convincing the builders that this rite of such singular form and beauty, but by them deemed unfit for use is in very truth "the head stone of the corner." The rubbish of prejudice and ignorance is being swept away and every day discloses more surely not only that it bears upon its face the mark of the craft but that it is indeed the handiwork of the Matchless Master Builder. Ohio has been active in preparing the rite for its proper place in the Temple of American Free Masonry. Its speedy restitution to its rightful place and dignity depend now more upon the measure of zeal displayed here than elsewhere. The world of Cryptic Masonry is looking toward Ohio. And so realizing our duty and our responsibility let us enter upon the business of this our Seventy-Seventh Annual Assembly resolved that

"Death shall not challenge, nor delay,
No records of the Past — nor deeds —
Shall measure what the Present needs:
The men who now are only clay
But set the mark for Yesterday —
And they who set, Today, the guage
Of what shall be, must turn the page —
Not backward, toward a dead Past's tomb —
But forward, toward the light and bloom
Of better things."

Zealously and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM A. SPILL,
Grand Master.

On motion of Companion William M. Cunningham, the address of Most Illustrious Grand Master William A. Spill, was referred to the Special Committee on Topical Reference for division and reference.

Report of the Grand Recorder.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 2nd, 1906.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

Again I have the pleasure of submitting my annual report to this Grand Body, and it is with much satisfaction that I can report to you, that I have received reports from all of our Subordinate Councils, also the Grand Dues from each one of them, and to inform you that all were in good time and in good condition. The plan adopted one year ago, of sending report blanks to each Recorder by registered mail, has proven to work all right, no excuse now, as I have a receipt from each Recorder for the blanks, and all Recorders are to be complimented for the neatness and promptness in which their reports came into my hands. We have now on the rolls, 63 Chartered Councils, and 4 Councils Under Dispensation, with a total membership of 9,167.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

MEMBERSHIP —		
Membership July 31, 1905		8,252
Less — errors in 1905 reports		4
Total		8,248
ADD —		
Advanced to July 31, 1906	1,109	
Omissions in 1905 reports	5	
Admitted to July 31, 1906	52	
Re-instated to July 31, 1906	84	1,250
Total		9,498

DEDUCT —

Withdrawn 1906 reports	86	
Died 1906 reports	108	
Suspended N. P. D. 1906 reports	135	
Suspended Un. Mas. Con., 1906, reports	1	
Expelled 1906 reports	1	331
Membership July 31, 1906		9,167
A net gain of		919

The largest net gain in the history of the Grand Council.

Only 2 Councils, viz — London No. 41 and Wyoming No. 77 did not confer the Council Degrees this last year. Four Councils, viz — Lima No. 20, Hockhocking No. 39, Wyoming No. 77 and Gwynn No. 83 show a loss in membership, as compared with last year, and two Councils, viz — Oc-co-nox-ee No. 55 and Van Wert No. 73, show the same membership as one year ago.

Cash receipts for the year as follows:

Received for Grand Dues	$5,323.00
Received Dispensation fees, as follows, viz:	
Wright Council U. D. Xenia	50.00
Keramos Council U. D. East Liverpool	50.00
Barnesville Council U. D. Barnesville	50.00
Upper Sandusky Council U. D. Upper Sandusky	50.00
Total receipts	$5,523.00

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt herewith.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 2nd, 1906.

Received of William E. Evans, R. Ill. Grand Recorder, the sum of Five thousand, five hundred and twenty three dollars, ($5,523.00).

R. V. HAMPSON,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

On Thursday, May 31, 1906, as per instructions from Grand Master Spill, I went to Marion, Ohio, for the purpose of auditing the account of our late Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Companion Henry True, and transferring the funds of the Grand Council to Illustrious Companion Robert V. Hampson, whom the Grand Master had appointed as Grand Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Companion True, deceased.

With the assistance of Illustrious Companion George D. Copeland, Past Grand Master, the books, accounts and vouchers of the late Grand Treasurer were carefully checked up, and found correct, and the balance due the Grand Council, viz: $1,249.07, was sent to Illustrious Companion Hampson, as Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.

During the year I issued certificates of good standing to the following, Companions, members of the late Wright Council No. 53, at Xenia, Ohio, viz:

Lewis H. Whiteman,
E. C. Beall,
William H. Hopping, and
J. H. Matthews,

for the purpose of becoming members of the new Wright Council, U. D.

My work this past year, while some more laborious than in former years, has been very pleasant, and it has been made so, by the very courteous treatment given me by the Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, and the universal kindness of each Recorder in our State, to all I tender my sincerest thanks and best wishes.

Asking that this report with the Subordinate returns, be referred to the proper Committees, I am

Zealously and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Grand Recorder.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committees on Accounts and Subordinate Returns.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Statement of the account of Henry True, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer. (deceased).

MARION, OHIO, May 31, 1906.

Cash balance on hand, October 3rd, 1905 ..... $5,693.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

1905.

Oct. 3	— Pay Roll of Springfield		$911.28
"	— Pay sent to R. M. Greer, ...		10.20
"	— Wm. T. McLean,	Order 98.....	6.45
"	— Fostoria Council,	Order 99.....	9.50
"	— Nelson Williams,	Order 100.....	83.84
"	— Wm. E. Evans,	Order 101.....	569.11
"	— I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order 102.....	15.00
"	— Henry True,	Order 103.....	15.00
"	— Rev. V. F. Brown,	Order 104.....	10.00
"	— Wm. M. Cunningham,	Order 105.....	100.00
"	— Masonic Home,	Order 106.....	500.00
"	— Masonic Home,	Order 107.....	500.00
"	— Masonic Home,	Order 108.....	1,000.00
Oct. 12	— Wm. E. Evans,	Order 109.....	24.00
" 17	— Office Supply Co.,	Order 110.....	13.50
" 25	— Henry W. Mordhurst,	Order 111.....	31.50
" 28	— J. D. Foster,	Order 112.....	14.44
Nov. 9	— E. A. Armstrong Co.,	Order 113.....	22.50
Nov. 20	— M. B. Dickerson,	Order 114.....	10.90
"	— W. J. Baker,	Order 115.....	11.30
"	— E. H. Archer,	Order 116.....	18.60
"	— C. C. Bliss,	Order 117.....	14.40
"	— W. E. Evans,	Order 118.....	17.60
"	— I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order 119.....	26.60
"	— Nelson Williams,	Order 120.....	5.05
"	— Rev. V. F. Brown,	Order 121.....	9.70

1906.

Jan. 3 — Scholl Printing Co.,	Order 122.....	364.00	
Jan. 31 — E. A. Armstrong Co.,	Order 123.....	15.00	
Mch. 21 — E. H. Archer,	Order 124.....	41.40	
Mch. 21 — Wm. E. Evans,	Order 125.....	21.00	
Mch. 23 — Wm. T. McLean,	Order 126.....	6.20	
Apr. 11 — C. H. Giessen,	Order 127.....	13.95	
Apr. 24 — I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order 128.....	31.97	
Total Disbursements			$4,443.99
Balance, May 31st, 1906.....			$1,249.07

Which amount was turned over to Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder.

Report of Robert V. Hampson, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

COMPANIONS:

I herewith submit the following report of the funds that have come into my hands as Grand Treasurer since May 31st, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

1906.

May 31 — Amount received from Wm. E. Evans, Grand Recorder, being the balance of funds in the hands of our late Grand Treasurer, Henry True, deceased	$1.249.07	
Oct. 2 — Received from Grand Recorder his receipts for the year.....	5,523.00	
Total receipts.....		$6,772.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.			
May 11	C. C. Bliss,	Order 129.....	30.69
" 15	W. G. Plantz,	Order 130.....	16.54
June 4	M. B. Dickerson,	Order 131.....	19.13
" 1	M. B. Dickerson,	Order 131.....	39.50
" 1	Michie Bros.,	Order 132.....	57.00
" 1	W. J. Baker,	Order 133.....	31.25
" 1	John F. Lane,	Order 134.....	43.10
" 6	W. E. Evans,	Order 135.....	41.05
" 27	C. H. Giessen,	Order 136.....	14.55
" 27	E. L. Roberts,	Order 137.....	25.00
" 27	V. F. Brown,	Order 138.....	31.45
July 3	E. H. Archer,	Order 139.....	34.20
" 3	M. B. Dickerson,	Order 140.....	65.80
" 3	W. E. Evans,	Order 141.....	62.40
" 6	Nelson Williams,	Order 142.....	40.56
" 19	W. E. Evans,	Order 143.....	7.50
" 21	J. F. Lane,	Order 144.....	41.50
Aug. 16	E. A. Armstrong,	Order 145.....	10.00
" 18	E. L. Roberts,	Order 146.....	20.00
	Total		631.22
	Balance October 2. 1906.....		$6,140.85

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT V. HAMPSON,

R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Which, with vouchers, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Topical Reference.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Topical Reference have had under consideration for division and reference the Annual Address of the M. Ill. Grand Master, and respectfully recommend that so much as relates to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Obituary.

That so much as relates to the Grand Representatives, to the General Grand Council and all Foreign relations be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much as relates to Charters, the Constitution of Councils, and Dispensations issued for the establishment of new Councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to Decisions, all matters involving questions of Cryptic law — Dispensations for conferring the Council degrees elsewhere than in the regular meeting place or rooms of the Subordinate Councils to which such Dispensations were issued, and all matters relating to discipline for non-payment of dues, and construction of the law relating to annual dues and their collection be and are hereby referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to the general condition of the Rite in Ohio, Annual Inspections and duties of Inspectors, all matters relating to the Esoteric Ritual and its method of dissemination be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

That so much as relates to the publication of Monitorial work, Constitution, Code, Ceremonials, Forms, etc., be referred to a Special Committee of three.

That so much as relates to the San Francisco earthquake disaster be referred to a Special Committee of three.

That all matters relating to expenditures of money be referred to the Committee on Accounts and Finance, and all matters relating to the Ohio Masonic Home be referred to the Committee on Masonic Home.

In conclusion your committee would heartily commend the zeal and activity of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in the efficient discharge of his official duties.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
G. G. G. PECKHAM,
J. A. DAVEY,
J. R. FLORENCE,
A. K. MURRAY,

Committee.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Report of the Trustee of the Masonic Home.

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

As Trustee for this Body of the Ohio Masonic Home I beg to submit the formal printed report of the Trustees of August 1, 1906, and to ask that such portions of it as may be thought expedient shall be printed with the proceedings of this year.

I shall use no rhetorical or oratorical devices to stir up your enthusiasm for the great Charity which you are carrying on so successfully. The Home itself and its record of good work speaks more forcibly than any words, however eloquent, which I might use. I hope that the members of this Body who have not already visited it may take the first opportunity of doing so and seeing with their own eyes the good work that is being done for the aged and infirm, the widow and the orphan.

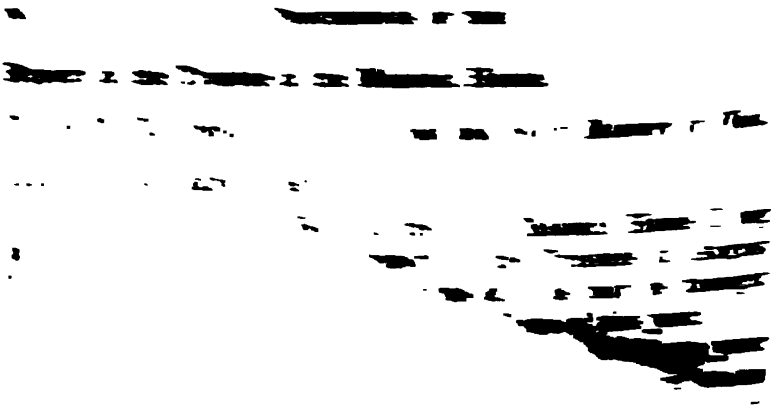
The Most Illustrious Grand Master has suggested in his address that a liberal appropriation be made from the funds of this Grand Council as a donation to the Home. As your representative I sincerely hope this will be done. We are trying to build up a large endowment or permanent fund which, being judiciously invested, shall add its increment from year to year until the income so obtained shall make the institution self-supporting.

We now have a larger number of inmates than ever before and the buildings, including the Hospital, are taxed to their utmost capacity. The management of Bro. Parsons as superintendent and of Mrs. Parsons as matron is giving satisfaction. Year by year the grounds are becoming more beautiful and the enterprise of caring for those who are dependent upon us is bearing richer and richer fruit.

Death has claimed two of our most zealous friends in the persons of our President, John M. Stull, and our Companion, John Blyth. It is not necessary that I should in this Body enter into any eulogy of the character and merits of these Companions. Their works live after them and suitable reference to their lives and deeds will no doubt be made in the records of this Grand Council.

THE MASONIC HOME

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO



The example of their zeal and enthusiasm in the work of this Charity will no doubt stimulate others to follow their example and help to carry out its designs.

For details as to the management, finances, investments and other subjects of interest, I ask your careful study and investigation of the printed report which has been placed in your hands.

Fraternally and zealously,

J. H. BROMWELL,

Trustee Ohio Masonic Home.

Which, on motion, was refered to the Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Report of Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Companion George D. McBride, Chairman of the Special Committee on Masonic Home, presented the report of the Committee, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Ohio Masonic Home respectfully report that the Committee on Accounts have generously caused to be appropriated to the use of the Ohio Masonic Home, the sum of $2,000.00 for the Endowment Fund, and $500.00 to the General Fund, for which we are truly grateful.

We recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to print with the Proceedings of the Grand Council of this year, an abstract of the essential features of the printed report of the Ohio Masonic Home, for the year ending July 31st, 1906.

Zealously submitted,

GEORGE D. MCBRIDE,
DAVID C. WINEGARNER,
JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED,
ARTHUR P. CRANE,
JEWETT PALMER,

Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF OFFICERS

OF THE

OHIO MASONIC HOME

SPRINGFIELD, 1906

OFFICERS.

J. W. Iredell, Jr., President; W. J. Akers, First Vice President; E. L. Lybarger, Second Vice President; Edward Harford, Treasurer; John W. Parsons (Springfield) Superintendent and Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

REPRESENTING GRAND LODGE — Leander Burdick, Toledo; George D. McBride, Gallipolis; Edward Harford, Springfield; Nelson Williams, Hamilton; Edwin L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain.

REPRESENTING GRAND CHAPTER — J. W. Iredell, Jr., Cincinnati; Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati; Gibson H. Robinson, Cleveland.

REPRESENTING GRAND COUNCIL — J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.

REPRESENTING GRAND COMMANDERY — John P. McCune, Columbus; Martin J. Houck, Dayton; A. F. Vance, Jr., Urbana.

REPRESENTING A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE — Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati; Wm. J. Akers, Cleveland.

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE — Levi C. Goodale, Edward Harford, Nelson Williams, A. F. Vance, Jr.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE — Wm. J. Akers, J. W. Iredell, Jr., George D. McBride, M. J. Houck, Gibson H. Robinson.

FINANCE — Wm. B. Melish, Leander Burdick, J. H. Bromwell, E. L. Lybarger, John P. McCune.

AUDITING — Wm. B. Melish, J. H. Bromwell.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 1, 1906.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN — I have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs of the Home for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1906:

GENERAL FUND.

On hand July 31, 1905		$ 2,121 61
Receipts during the year		37,897 15
		$ 40,078 76
Disbursements		37,755 21
Balance on hand		$ 2,263 55

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand July 31, 1905		$ 50,589 84
Receipts during the year		9,975 00
		$ 60,564 84
Disbursements (Premium on Bonds)		60 24
Balance on hand		$ 60,504 60

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

On hand July 31, 1905		$ 193 58
Receipts during the year		458 35
		$ 651 93
Disbursements		399 25
Balance on hand		$ 252 68

BUILDING FUND.

Receipts during the year and now on hand		$ 510 00

HOSPITAL FUND.

On hand July 31, 1905		$ 25 00
Disbursements		25 00

LIBRARY FUND.

On hand July 31, 1905, bonds		$ 1,000 00
Receipts during the year, interest		40 00
		$ 1,040 00
Disbursements, W. B. Melish, Chairman, Interest		40 00
Balance on hand		$ 1,000 00

ALL FUNDS.

Total on hand in all funds	$ 64,530 83

GENERAL FUND.

The General Fund receipts were from the following sources:

Edward Harford, Treasurer — Interest on deposits and bonds	$ 3,172 41
John Heilman — Care of children	90 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio — Per capita tax	18,490 80
Grand Lodge of Ohio — Donation	6,000 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio — Per capita tax	5,326 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio — Donation	500 00
Grand Council of Ohio — Donation	500 00
Grand Commandery of Ohio — Donation	3,000 00
Bro. F. B. Shoemaker, Toledo — Donation	100 00
Kilwining Chapter, No. 97, R. A. M., Cincinnati — Donation	100 00
Bro. John Edgar, of Toledo, by T. J. Herringshaw — Donation	99 43
Bro. Henry Hirsch, Archbold, O	5 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer — Transfer from Hospital Fund	25 00
J. Guy Deming, Guard — Board of Children	198 00
Bro. Frank F. Howe, Marietta, O. — Donation	12 00
Queen City Chapter, No. 66, O. E. S., Lorain, O. — Donation	5 00
R. E. Kramig & Co., Cincinnati, O. — Donation	36 00
J. W. Parsons, Superintendent — Sundry receipts	176 50
Cheviot Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Cincinnati — St. John's Day Collection	61 01
	$ 37,897 15

ENDOWMENT FUND.

We are indebted as follows for the increase in the Endowment Fund:

Grand Council of Ohio	$ 1,000 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio	2,000 00

Grand Lodge of Ohio	6,000 00
N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati	25 00
Webb Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., Cleveland	100 00
Bigelow Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M., Cleveland	50 00
Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M., Cleveland	100 00
Estate Bro. Henry King, Toledo, O	100 00
Bro. Turner E. Morehead, New Lexington, O	600 00
	$ 9,975 00

BUILDING FUND.

Grand Council of Ohio	$ 500 00
Interest	10 00
	$ 510 00

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED.

BETTERMENTS — MAIN BUILDING.

Fixtures and plumbing	$ 321 83
Bedding	183 15
Hospital	25 00
House furnishings	695 79
Household and kitchen utensils	15 00
Boiler room improvements	1,654 57
Library	40 00
Power plant and machinery	1,398 44
Tableware	46 00
Tools	64 71
	$ 4,444 72

BETTERMENTS — GROUNDS.

From General Fund	$ 760 71
From Ground Improvement Fund	399 25
	$ 1,159 96

BETTERMENTS — FARM AND BARN.

Cows	$	300 00
Chickens		21 60
Farm and barn utensils		122 03
Horses		175 00
Miscellaneous		67 38
	$	686 01

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Premium and interest on bonds	$	60 24

MAINTENANCE.

Amusements	$	54 47
Bedding		36 30
Clothing		1,586 46
Drugs, physicians, nurses, etc.		1,482 46
Expenses of trustees		233 60
Freight and drayage		121 05
Funeral expenses		235 00
Heat and light		4,163 90
House furnishings		93 43
Household and kitchen needs		404 38
Insurance		73 90
Ice		127 00
Laundry supplies		418 12
Miscellaneous		17 55
Printing, stationery and office supplies		237 90
Pay roll, main building and general		6,372 07
Pay roll, farm and barn		1,445 43
Power plant and machinery		902 91
Repairs		466 17
Shoes		374 69
School expenses		123 16
Telephone		74 70
Transportation		191 80
Toilet needs		138 30
Tobacco		184 45

MASONIC HOME HOSPITAL

Table supplies	11,035 17
Tableware	26 44
Barn incidentals, shoeing, etc.	118 30
Garden seeds, plants, etc.	126 37
Harness	32 40
Veterinary services	22 00
Road vehicles	49 00
Feed for stock	959 89
	$ 31,928 77

Disbursements from Endowment Fund	$ 60 24
Disbursements for betterments	6,290 69
Disbursements for maintenance	31,928 77
	$ 38,279 70

Amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies of Ohio at the sessions of 1905:

Grand Lodge	$ 30,490 80
Grand Chapter	7,826 00
Grand Council	2,000 00
Grand Commandery	3,000 00
	$ 43,316 80

Number of residents now on the rolls:

Men	69
Women	43
Boys	32
Girls	30
Total	174
Increase over last year	14

MASONIC HOME HOSPITAL.

This beautiful building, erected, furnished and presented to the Home by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star, is occupied constantly by some twenty patients, all of whom are old or so feeble and afflicted as to require assistance. They receive there all the care and attention necessary to render them

as comfortable as their infirmities will permit, and all are well pleased and content with this splendid place of refuge. The grounds surrounding the building have recently been graded and sodded, flower beds constructed and trees planted. The improvement is very marked indeed. Last year the grounds were rough and unsightly; today they are beautiful and attractive. We hope to have many members of the O. E. S. visit us this fall.

The children of the Home have received and accepted an invitation through Mrs. Gabriella Dickman of Celina, Ohio, Grand Matron, to visit Dayton and give an entertainment before the members of the Grand Chapter during the session of that body in October. We are very glad to have this opportunity of showing our appreciation of the many favors showered upon our Home by the ladies of the O. E. S. The children are delighted with the proposed event and will make every effort to entertain these generous friends.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME,

AUGUST 1, 1906.

GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1905....	$ 2,121 61	
Receipts, as per vouchers from 5241 to 5309 inclusive, except as specified below....	37,897 15	
	$ 40,018 76	
Disbursements, as per orders from 5974 to 6562 inclusive, except as specified below	37,755 21	
Balance on hand.....		$ 2,263 55

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand last report, Aug. 1, 1905.....	$ 50,589 84		
Receipts, as per vouchers 5252-54-60-65-67-68-70, 5297 and 5305.....	9,975 00		
	$ 60,564 84		
Disbursements, as per order 6134.....	60 24		
Balance in Endowment Fund.....		60,504	60

HOSPITAL FUND.

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1905...$	25 00		
Disbursements, as per order 6221.....	25 00		

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1905....$	193 58		
Receipts, as per vouchers 5269-71-72 and 5304	458 35		
$	651 93		
Disbursements, as per orders 6152-80-81-82, 6473-74-75-82, 6518-19-47 and 48..$	399 25		
Balance on hand.....		252	68

BUILDING FUND.

Receipts, as per vouchers 5251 and 5303...$	510 00		
Balance on hand.....		510	00

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond (O.) bonds on hand.....$	1,000 00		
Receipts, as per vouchers 5264 and 5295...	40 00		
$	1,040 00		

Disbursements, as per orders 6210 and 6486	40 00	
Balance on hand		$ 1,000 00
Total cash and bonds in hands of treasurer Aug. 1, 1906		$ 64,530 83

There have been paid during the year (and included in the above) $3,190.76 interest on bonds and cash balances.

Fraternally submitted,

EDW. HARFORD,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 6, 1906.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home: .. .. ..

GENTLEMEN: — Your committee, having in charge the Library Fund of the Home, beg to report the following receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year ending August 1, 1906:

RECEIPTS.

August 1, 1905 — Cash on hand	$ 271 71	
December 20, 1905 — Interest on bonds	20 00	
December 31, 1905 — Interest on balance in bank (3 per cent. annually)	7 50	
June 15, 1906 — Interest on bonds	20 00	
Total	$ 319 21	

EXPENDITURES.

March 23, 1906 — Bill of books for Library	$ 75 09	
Balance cash on hand Aug. 1, 1906		$ 244 12
August1, 1906 — Investments in bonds		1,000 00
Balance in Library Fund August 1, 1906		$ 1,244 12

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,

Library Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 8, 1906.

To the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN: — Your Auditing Committee begs to report that it has checked up the entries and footings and compared the vouchers and books of the secretary and treasurer of the Home and find them to be correct.

These accounts are for the year commencing Aug. 1, 1905, and ending July 31, 1906, and are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

General Fund	$ 37,897 15	
Endowment Fund	9,975 00	
Ground Improvement Fund	458 35	
Library Fund	40 00	
Building Fund	510 00	
Total receipts		$ 48,880 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Fund	$ 37,755 21	
Ground Improvement Fund	399 25	
Library Fund	40 00	
Hospital Fund	25 00	
Endowment Fund	60 24	
Total disbursements		38,279 70
Excess receipts over disbursements		$ 10,600 80
Balances July 31, 1905:		
General Fund	$ 2,121 61	
Ground Improvement Fund	193 58	
Library Fund	1,000 00	
Hospital Fund	25 00	
Endowment Fund	50,589 84	
Total		53,930 03
Making total balance July 31, 1906		$ 64,530 83

This balance is distributed among the various funds, as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance July 31, 1905	$ 2,121 61
Receipts	37,897 15
Total	$ 40,018 76
Disbursements	37,755 21
Balance July 31, 1906	$ 2,263 55

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance July 31, 1905	$ 50,589 84
Receipts	9,795 00
Total	$ 60,564 84
Disbursements (premium on bonds)	60 24
Balance July 31, 1906	$ 60,504 60

HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance July 31, 1905	$ 25 00
Disbursements	25 00

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Balance July 31, 1905	$ 193 58
Receipts	458 35
Total	$ 651 93
Disbursements	399 25
Balance July 31, 1906	$ 252 68

BUILDING FUND.

Receipts	$ 510 00
Disbursements	.....
Balance July 31, 1906	$ 510 00

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance (bonds) July 31, 1905	$ 1,000 00
Receipts (interest on bonds)	40 00
Total	$ 1,040 00
Disbursements for interest	40 00
Balance July 31, 1906	$ 1,000 00

There has been paid during the year and included in the above statement the sum of $3,190.76 as interest on bonds and cash balances in bank.

SECURITIES.

We have carefully examined the securities in the hands of the treasurer, being the deposit books of the various Savings Banks, and the bonds in his possession, and we find the following funds standing to their credit and the following balances:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on Pass Book No. 66252 Springfield Savings Bank	$ 2,263 55

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Pass Book No. 14218 Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co., Cleveland	$ 4,289 10
Pass Book No. 4014 Guardian Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland	10,000 00
Pass Book No. 273415 Society for Savings, Cleveland	5,000 00
Pass Book No. 58567 Springfield Savings Bank	1,215 50
Youngstown, Ohio, School Bonds	5,000 00
Reading, Ohio, Waterworks Bonds	3,000 00
Wellsville, Ohio, Refunding Bonds	10,000 00
West Milton, Ohio, Waterworks Bonds	2,000 00
Celina, Ohio, Street Improvement Bonds	10,000 00
Cleveland, Ohio, Sewer Bonds	10,000 00
Total	$ 60,504 60

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Pass Book No. 63594 Springfield Savings Bank .....$ 252 68

LIBRARY FUND.

New Richmond, Ohio, Waterworks Bonds .....$ 1,000 00

BUILDING FUND.

Pass Book No. 64285 Springfield, Ohio, Savings Bank.$ 510 00

We are again pleased to report to your Board that we find the books and vouchers of both secretary and treasurer neatly, carefully and correctly kept, and that all entries and postings have been properly made.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,
J. H. BROMWELL,
Auditing Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN M. STULL, DIED JANUARY 30, 1906.

On the thirtieth day of January, 1906, in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, whither he had journeyed in search of health, the finger of God touched John M. Stull, and he slept the sleep of death. Born in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on May 16, 1823, he spent a long, busy, useful and upright life of nearly eighty-three years in the same county in which he was born. His was a many-sided life, replete with acts of usefulness to his fellowmen. As an attorney of over fifty years' standing at the Trumbull County bar, he held a deservedly high position. His professional brethren have paid their tribute to his memory in words which record their appreciation and grateful remembrance of his ability and industry as a lawyer, and of his many virtues as an officer, legislator and public-spirited citizen.

Especially do they recall his readiness, as all times to enlist with all his ability, strength and means, in behalf of the poor and oppressed, so that no suitor whose cause had any appearance of merit was ever turned away or denied his most vigorous and able advocacy because of his poverty or want of other friends.

In the church of his choice, the First Methodist Church of Warren, he was known as one of the most earnest, efficient and faithful members. There was not an honor or office within the gift of the church that was not bestowed upon this worthy brother, and in turn graced by his consecration and ability.

John M. Stull became a Free and Accepted Mason when, in the strength of young and vigorous manhood, he was initiated in Old Erie Lodge No. 3, at Warren, in 1855. He received the Chapter degrees in 1866, in Mahoning Chapter No. , and the Council degrees in Warren Council No. 58, in 1871. In 1867 he was constituted a Knight Templar in Oriental Commandery No. 12, K. T., of Cleveland, and in 1884 he dimitted to become a charter member of Warren Commandery No. 39, K. T., in which body he served as Prelate for several years. It was not until 1886 that he applied for and received the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Receiving the first eighteen degrees in Cleveland, and the Consistorial grades in Ohio Consistory, in Cincinnati. In 1896 he received the thirty-third degree, and was created an honorary member of the Northern Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It may well be noted that our brother progressed in his Masonic journey in the same deliberate, earnest, conscientious manner in which he did all things, studying and appreciating each branch of Masonry as he entered it, and journeying onward and upward only as he felt the need of more light. John M. Stull had many opportunities to do good during the nearly eighty-three years of his busy life, and firm and quick was his grasp upon them, always reaching out with impulse to a noble end. He could never confess himself baffled in life's race, but with hope and aspiration still pursued, through storm and night, his upward path until the light of God's sun struck full upon his face. He was richly endowed with all the attributes of a noble and honorable manhood. He was in all respects a most worthy and estimable

citizen, who lived up to all his obligations to his neighbor, his city, his state and his country. Honor, integrity and duty were to him living principles, and he faithfully applied them to the daily routine of his life. Of him it may be truthfully said that the world is better for his having lived in it. Such men, when they depart, leave behind them a bright example for their fellows. The death of John M. Stull will long be felt as a serious loss to the community in which he lived, but more particularly and keenly will this loss be felt by his associates on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home.

On the 28th of March, 1890, he was appointed a trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home, representing the Grand Lodge of Ohio on our Board, and since 1892 he has been the honored, zealous and faithful president of the Home and its Board of Trustees. In him we have always found a true sentiment and faithful devotion, a well-equipped and many-sided intellect, and a ready will and hand to serve and help. We gratefully remember the voice of cordial welcoming salutation so familiar to our ears, the handclasp that was never feeble or cold; the mind that had quick response and ample resources for our aid and counsel; the man who made our lives somewhat brighter and more companionable on the way. With the simplicity of childhood he loved his home, his family, and his friends. With the fidelity of the strong man he was loyal to private and public trusts. He was true to those elemental instincts of the human heart whence spring simplicity, justice, honor, good faith and humanity. A public-spirited citizen, a loving father and husband, a true man, he leaves us the priceless legacy of inspiring memories. We ask that this memorial be inscribed upon our records as an appreciation of the man and his character, and as an assurance of the sympathy felt for his family by each member of our Masonic Home family, and by each Mason of Ohio who was privileged to call John M. Stull his friend, and more especially by each member of our Board of Trustees, who knew him but to love him. We also ask that a copy of this memorial report be sent to the family of our lamented friend and brother.

DEATH OF BRO. JOHN BLYTH.

While attending the funeral of President Stull we were further saddened by being advised of the sudden death of that splendid type of manhood and firm friend of our Home, Bro. John Blyth, that generous, great-hearted, genial gentleman who never tired in good works and through whose persistent efforts our hospital was erected and furnished. We all feel that in his death the Home, the Order and community has lost an invaluable friend. We sincerely mourn his departure.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,
WM. J. AKERS,
LEANDER BURDICK,
Committee.

Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Nelson Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee and asked that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Assembly.

On motion, it was so ordered.

Pay Roll.

On motion, the Committee on Pay Roll were instructed to provide one day's per diem.

Recess.

On motion of Companion Levi C. Goodale, it was agreed that when this Grand Council takes a recess, it shall re-assemble at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the first order of business on the re-assembling be the election of Grand Officers.

On motion, the Grand Council now recessed, until 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM A. SPILL,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill Grand Recorder.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Council reconvened, invocation by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion Rev. V. F. Brown.

Election of Grand Officers.

The time having arrived for the special order of business, viz: the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, the Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed

Companions JOSEPH KIRKUP,
THOMAS B. GUITTEAU,
JOHN AUGUSTINE,
A. E. MERGENTHALER,
B. FRANK MURPHY,

as tellers, and choice was made by ballot, as follows, viz:

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Companion EDWARD H. ARCHER, Columbus.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,
Companion MILTON B. DICKERSON, Marion.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
Companion WARREN J. BAKER, Toledo.

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
Companion ROBERT V. HAMPSON, Salem.

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder,
Companion WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.

Telegram from the Most Puissant Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., October 1, 1906.

WILLIAM A. SPILL, *Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio.*

Pennsylvania extends greetings. May your sessions be full of Wisdom and of much benefit to the Cryptic Rite. Important business prevents me being present.

CHARLES W. WOLFERTZ,
M. P. Grand Master.

Special Committee on San Francisco.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Special Committee, to consider that part of his address which referred to the late great disaster in San Francisco.

Companions E. B. KING,
E. DAVIS,
F. P. HALE,
Committee.

Necrology-Obituary.

Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, reported, and asked leave to prepare the report and furnish the same to the Grand Recorder for the Printed Proceedings, which was consented to.

Honors.

M. Ex. Companion William A. Reiter, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, now entered, and was introduced to the Grand Council by Illustrious Companion William T. McLean, Past Grand Master, and received with Grand Honors, and conducted to a seat in the East by Grand Master Spill.

Excellent Companion Reiter, acknowledged the courtesy, and in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the Grand Council for this Special Honor.

Committee on Accounts.

Companion Henry E. Morrison, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, made report as follows, which was on motion adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Members of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Accounts beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and find them to be correct.

Amount in hands of the Grand Treasurer Oct. 3, 1905.	$5,693 06
Receipts during the year	5,523 00
Total	$11,216 06
Disbursements during the year	5,075 21
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$6,140 85

We recommend the payment of the following items:

To W. A. Spill, G. M., expenses	$126 19
To Wm. E. Evans, Gr. Recorder, salary	500 00
To Wm. E. Evans, office rent	100 00
To Wm. E. Evans, office expenses	137 43
To Wm. E. Evans, making payroll	10 00
To R. V. Hampson, Gr. Treasurer	15 00
To Rev. V. F. Brown, Gr. Chaplain	10 00
To Hugh V. Olney, Gr. Sentinel	15 00
To Nelson Williams, Ch. Com. on For. Cor	100 00
Total	$1,013 62

We further recommend that $500.00 be appropriated to the current expense fund of the Masonic Home, and the further sum of $2,000.00 for the endowment fund of the Masonic Home. In conformity with the recommendation of the Grand Master in his address we suggest that the Inspectors be paid mileage and per diem the same as members of the Grand Council. We further recommend that a contingent fund of $30.00 per quarter be paid the Grand Master to meet the current expenses incident to the office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. MORRISON,
JOHN WILSON,
S. A. HAWES,
Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Companion Frank W. Hendley, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, made report as follows, which on motion was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Council R. and S. M., of Ohio:

COMPANIONS: — Your Committee on Unfinished Business have the honor to report that after careful examination of the Proceedings of 1905, and inquiry of the various Grand Officers, we find that there is no unfinished business to come before this Grand Council for action.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRANK W. HENDLEY,
CASELTON ROSCOE,
ALBERT SCHOLL,
Committee.

Cryptic Jurisprudence.

Companion Graff M. Acklin, Chairman of the Committee, made report of the Committee as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend the approval of the action of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in granting the several Dispensations to Subordinate Councils to meet and confer degrees in places other than their regular places of holding Asemblies.

We recommend the approval of all of the decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

We recommend that the consideration of the recommendation in reference to changing the time of holding elections in Subordinate Councils be laid over until the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

We recommend the approval of the recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in reference to suspensions for non-payment of dues, and charging a minimum fee for membership of not less than the amount charged for annual dues, and therefore offer for adoption the following amendment to the Constitution:

Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

Subordinate Councils shall have authority to assess, upon their membership from time to time, such dues, not less than one dollar per annum, as they deem proper, and the by-laws of the Council shall designate the amount of dues so assessed and the time for payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member; and it is hereby made the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to cause the Recorder to enter suspended, every member who is now, or hereafter may become in arrears for dues for six months after the time fixed for payment; and within ten days from the date of such entry, and forthwith in the case of Companions heretofore suspended for non-payment of dues, notice of such suspension, under seal of Council, giving amount of dues owed and a copy of this law shall be sent by the Recorder by registered mail to the last *known* address of such delinquent, and the registry receipt thereof shall be kept on file as evidence of the service of such notice. If the dues of such suspended member are not paid within three months from the date of mailing such notice, or have not been remitted for good cause, then charges must be preferred against such member for contumacy and trial had. If the dues are unpaid the finding of a verdict of "not guilty" upon the charges, shall remit all dues of the delinquent to date and the Recorder must enter said dues remitted. If the delinquent is found guilty he shall thereby be expelled and the Recorder shall forthwith enter him expelled.

Fraternally submitted,

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
GEORGE D. COPELAND,
LEVI C. GOODALE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee and its recommendations were adopted.

Subordinate Returns.

Companion J. E. Fast, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most. Ill. Grand Master and Companions of the M. Ill. Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ohio:

Your Committee on Subordinate Returns beg to report that we have examined the reports of all the Subordinate Councils, both Chartered and Under Dispensation and find them correct.

The work of the Committee has geen greatly simplified by the tabulated statement prepared by your zealous R. Ill. Grand Recorder, for which our thanks are due.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. FAST,
R. H. MCFARLAND,
WALTER DUER,
Committee.

Charters and Dispensations.

Companion William T. McLean, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, and recommended its adoption.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that careful examination has been made of all the account books, books of record and other essentials, pertaining to the applications made by the Companions at East Liverpool, Xenia, Barnesville and Upper Sandusky for Charters for Councils now working under Dispensation, and are pleased to report that every requirement has been met in a most satisfactory manner, and the exhibit of work along every line is most creditable to the Companions in the several communities, and we do therefore recommend to this Grand Council that Charters be granted as follows:

To East Liverpool, under the title and number of KARAMOS COUNCIL, No. 95.

To Xenia, under the title and number of WRIGHT COUNCIL, No. 96.

To Barnesville, under the title and number of BARNESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 97.

To Upper Sandusky, under the title and number of UPPER SANDUSKY COUNCIL, No. 98.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. T. MCLEAN,
W. B. ANDERSON,
J. F. LANE,
Committee.

Supplemental Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Application is made by the Companions of URBANA COUNCIL, No. 59, for restoration of their charter — the original one issued to it having been destroyed by fire when their Masonic Temple was burned, and your Committee being cognizant of the conditions existing, would respectfully recommend that this Grand Council grant the prayer of said petitioners, and that the Grand Recorder be directed to issue a duplicate of the Charter dated September 28th, 1871.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. T. MCLEAN,
J. F. LANE,
W. B. ANDERSON,
Committee.

Appointment of Chairman of the Obituary Committee.

On motion of Companion J. H. Bromwell, the Most Illustrious Grand Master was empowered to appoint the Chairman of the Obituary Committee for the ensuing year.

Grand Representatives.

The Roll of the Grand Representatives was called by the Grand Recorder and the following were present:

Alabama,	Comp.	FRANK H. MARQUIS.
Arkansas,	"	GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California,	"	ARTHUR P. CRANE,
Connecticut,	"	EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado,	"	CHARLES H. GIESSEN.
Florida,	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Georgia,	"	HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois,	"	WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory,	"	GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana,	"	NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa,	"	WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Kansas,	"	GEORGE P. CONNER.
Kentucky,	"	LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana,	"	EDWARD H. ARCHER.
Maine,	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland,	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan,	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota,	"	GEORGE BILLOW.
Mississippi,	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri,	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
Nebraska,	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire,	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey,		
New York,	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
North Carolina,	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon,	"	DAVID C. WINEGARNER.
Pennsylvania,	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Rhode Island,		
Vermont,	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina,	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee,	"	C. W. CARROLL.
Washington,	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin,	"	C. C. PARK.
England and Wales,		
Canada,	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council,	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

Report of Special Committee on San Francisco.

Companion E. B. King, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, relating to the San Francisco disaster, beg leave to report as follows:

That we extend to all our Masonic brethren of that stricken city, our most heartfelt sympathy in this great affliction and disaster, and we recommend that all that part of the Annual Address be heartily approved.

Zealously submitted,

E. B. KING,
E. DAVIS,
FRANK P. HALE,
Committee.

Jewel for the Retiring Grand Master.

Companion William T. McLean offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to procure the usual Jewel, for presentation to our retiring Grand Master, and to present the same to him at some favorable opportunity.

The Grand Master-Elect appointed Companions William T. McLean, George D. Copeland, and John F. Lane, said Committee.

Super Excellent Masters Degree.

Companion Levi C. Goodale offered the following resolution, which, was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That all Resolutions now on our Statute Books, and any additional legislation which may be necessary for the proper recognition and regulation of the degree of Super Excellent Master, be referred to the Special Committee on *Rituals,* mentioned by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in his address.

Reprint of Code, Decisions, etc.

Companion Jacob H. Bromwell made the following motion, which was adopted.

That under the direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master a sufficient number of copies of the Code, Decisions, Resolutions and Forms of the Grand Council (not exceeding 1000 copies) be reprinted and brought up to date.

Good of the Order.

Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on the Good of the Order report that our Grand Council is yet to be congratulated upon still maintaining the proud position of leading all of the Grand Councils of the United States; not only upon having upon its rolls a greater number of Royal and Select Masters, but also a greater number of active Constituent Councils.

Your Committee have inspected the Inspectors' reports, and take pleasure in stating that we found each report carefully prepared and giving evidence of painstaking efforts on the part of the inspecting officers; the good results of the several inspections for Cryptic Masonry in Ohio, have been made known to you in the able address of our Grand Master.

Your Committee have also examined the Inspection reports of Councils under Dispensation made by our Grand Master, and heartily concur in the suggestions he makes in his reports; with the exception of one Council, wherein he makes record of the officers present doing the work, he reports as T. I. M., Wm. A. Spill pro tem. and remarks "that he could not rate the work of the T. I. M. satisfactory, but doubts if he did nearly as well as the regular officer could have done." This was quite modest in our Grand Master, but we doubt if the regular officer could have done as well as our Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Your Committee commends the inspection blanks now in use as being comprehensive and complete; the information shown thereon furnishes a true statement of the condition of each Council.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Ritual, would respectfully recommend that a Committee of three Companions be appointed, and known as the "Ritual Committee" (of which our present Grand Master Companion W. A. Spill be chairman) to prepare a revised ritual, and monitor, in connection therewith, and issue copies thereof in accordance with the recommendations of the Grand Master as made known in his address, and that the other recommendations of our Grand Master pertaining to the Ritual be concurred in.

From the evidences, and reports shown at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council held in Boston, Mass., last June, the Companions have great reason for rejoicing because of the general prosperity of the Cryptic Rite.

Fraternally submitted,

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
HARRY S. SCHALK,
FRANK H. MARQUIS,
Committee.

Appointment of Special Committee on Rituals.

Companions WILLIAM A. SPILL,
EDWARD H. ARCHER AND
WILLIAM E. EVANS.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion Levi C. Goodale offered the following resolution of thanks to the Companions of the city of Columbus, Ohio, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of this city, for the very courteous manner in which this Grand Body was received at their hands, and for the many kindnesses shown us during our stay in their city.

Time and Place.

Companion R. B. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Time and Place respectfully report that we recommend that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the day preceding the Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio, in 1907, and at the same place as that in which said Convocation shall be held.

Fraternally submitted,
R. B. WILSON,
C. C. FALK,
R. A. WORTHINGTON,
CHARLES DICKERHOF,
C. W. CARROLL,
Committee.

Grievance.

Companion E. R. Eastman, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

We, the Committeee on Grievance, congratulate you on the fact that we have no material for a report, as no grievances exist.

E. R. EASTMAN,
W. A. SNIDER,
S. M. HYDE,
Committee

Appointment of Chairmen of the Obituary Committee and of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Illustrious Grand Master-elect Companion Edward H. Archer made the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:

Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, as Chairman of the Obituary Committee, and

Companion Nelson Williams of Hamilton, Ohio, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Appointed Grand Officers.

Right Ilustrious Grand Chaplain,
Companion REV. V. F. BROWN, Dayton.

Illustrious Captain of the Guards,
Companion CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Cleveland.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council,
Companion I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Pomeroy.

Illustrious Grand Steward,
Companion HUGH V. OLNEY, Van Wert.

Illustrious Grand Sentinel,
Companion LEWIS P. SCHAUS, Newark.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

"Man's life is but a working day,
Whose tasks are set aright;
A time to work, a time to play,
And then a quiet night.
And then, please God, a quiet night,
Where palms are green and robes are white,
A long drawn breath, a balm for sorrow,—
And all things lovely on the morrow."

It is now twelve months since the last Grand Council adjourned and its members went forth to a new year of toil, but during those short swiftly flying months no less than one hundred and eight of the Companions from our Jurisdiction of Royal and Select Masters, men good and true, who had wrought their hours in the Secret Vault, have passed through the Last Arch, the gateway of death to the Grand Council, where the Grand Master of the universe presides. Among them, some whose names have long been as household words among Masons, and whose memories will be cherished

as the years go rolling on because of their faithfulness and efficiency with which they wrought for the Craft.

How impressive the lesson. Imagine if you please the almost one thousand noble Companions of Ohio passing with steady step in procession before you; and yet from that procession every ninth man has fallen from the ranks. Well may we pause and pay loving tribute to their memories, and breathe an earnest prayer to our Heavenly Father that He will comfort the widow and fatherless, and give us wisdom and grace to number our days aright.

Beyond our jurisdiction, — and yet in heart and purpose we are one, bound together by ties which only death can sever, some whose fame is world-wide, — lights of the first magnitude in Masonry, have closed their Masonic labors with their lives crowned with honor, and may we not hope ere this heard the Grand Overseer of all of life's labors say, "Well done, good and faithful servant". Their virtues and excellencies I'm sure the Companions will seek to emulate, as we continue to labor to accomplish the work assigned us, ere the day of opportunity and privilege shall forever close. Time and space forbid us speaking at great length of the many who rightly deserve mention in this report.

Since last we met, and after years of efficient service to the Order, our own Right Illustrious Companion, Henry True, Grand Treasurer of this Most Illustrious Grand Council, has passed to the reward of the faithful. His presence and words of wisdom we shall greatly miss, but his memory we shall tenderly love and cherish. So manly, so clean, so generous, a citizen interested in all that was good, a Christian gentleman.

Perhaps the most conspicuous personage to be removed from our ranks this past year, was Most Excellent Companion Brenton D. Babcock, who died at his home in Cleveland, January 10, 1906, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. His name has long been a familiar one to the members of the Craft, not only in Ohio, but throughout the land. His interest in the Order was profound, dating from his admittance into Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, in New York in 1856. He successively passed through the branches of Masonry, having in November, 1873, received the 33rd or last degree, and at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in 1881

was created an active member, and since 1899 had been the Illustrious Deputy of that Body for Ohio. He was a deep student of Masonry, possessing an extensive Masonic library, which he presented to the Scottish Rite Bodies at Cleveland some years ago. His person and wisdom will be greatly missed in all Masonic gatherings, but his memory will ever be cherished.

Another loss, perhaps not one whit less severe than that which came to the Craft in the death of Comp. Babcock, was that which it sustained in the death of Companion John M. Stull, who passed to the great beyond January 30, 1906, from Florida, whither he had gone in search of health. His earnestness and zeal for Masonry had been a striking characteristic of his years of service to the Craft, beginning with his entrance into the Order in Old Erie Lodge, No. 3, at Warren, O., in 1853. In 1866 he received the Chapter degrees, and in 1871 the Council degrees. In 1867 the Knighthood was conferred upon him, and in 1886 he was advanced to the Scottish Rite degrees, and in 1896 was advanced to the 33rd degree and created an honorary member of the Northern Supreme Council. In 1890, representing the Grand Lodge of Ohio, he was appointed a trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, and for fourteen years, beginning in 1892, served as the honored President of the Board of Trustees. Faithful, true and devoted to the last, he will be greatly missed by the Companions.

November 13, 1905, James W. Underhill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at the ripe age of eighty-seven, passed within the veil, and in August last, Past Grand Master, J. Kelley O'Neil was gathered to his eternal rest.

ALABAMA Crytic Masonry has been sorely bereft in the death of Past Grand Master, Most Illustrious James Tait Beck. He was a man of many excellent qualities; an earnest and zealous Mason, manly, generous, sympathetic and tender and sincerely devoted to the highest interests of the Order.

ARKANSAS shares in our sympathy in the great loss that has come to them, in the death of Samuel Delano Dodge, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, who passed away in January last. In his death the state lost a zealous and devoted Companion. From

his entrance into Masonry in 1866, he advanced steadily in all Bodies, receiving the Consistory degrees in 1901. He is said to have been one of the gentlest of men.

In March, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Arkansas, Companion Omer J. Short, at the early age of forty, passed to his reward. His interest in the work had been particularly marked, and his loss correspondingly great.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, John Humphreys of the Grand Council of COLORADO, died April 25, 1906. Companion Humphreys was an Ohioan by birth, having been born near Cincinnati in 1856. His Masonic record, though brief comparatively, was an active one, being always in demand both in Subordinate and Grand Bodies. He took an active part in the formation of the Grand Council of Colorado, receiving at the time of its formation the appointment of Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, and was successively raised until in 1898, when he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near this Grand Council, having been first appointed thereto in 1898, and occupied this honorable position at the time of his decease.

MASSACHUSETTS has been sorely bereft in the closing year of three of her Past Grand officers. Rev. Thomas Elliott St. John, A. M., Most Illustrious Grand Master 1873-5, at the age of seventy-five, died February 25, 1906. Charles M. Avery, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work 1874-5, died January 22nd, having passed his more than three score and ten. David L. Hodges, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work 1898, closed his earthly journey, April 14, 1906, in his sixty-fifth year, and Charles A. Skinner, D. D,. Grand Chaplain 1891-1906, at the ripe age of eighty-two, passed from labor to reward April 22, 1906.

MICHIGAN, our adjoining jurisdiction to the north, has been peculiarly afflicted during the past year in the loss of her eminent Companions. On November 10, 1905, Most Illustrious Grand Master Andrew Jackson Utley closed an active Masonic career, having been initiated into the Masonic mysteries in 1862, in Worthington, Ohio. He became a Royal and Select Master in 1870, and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1878.

February 19, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven, D. Burnham Tracy, who had served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1862, passed to the Grand Lodge on high. For several years he served as an itinerant Methodist preacher. Later, he gave up the itineracy, but was appointed a supply preacher for Grace Methodist Church, Detroit, serving the church twenty-seven years in all in such capacity, and forty years he filled the position of agent for the C. H. & D. Ry. in Detroit. He organized River Raison Council, No. 4, at Monroe, Mich., also Mosaic Council, No. 22, at Petersberg. He helped to organize the Scottish Rite Body in Michigan, and for eighteen years was Commander-in-Chief of Michigan Sovereign Consistory.

On April 24, 1906, at the advanced age of eighty-five, Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Michigan 1880-1906, twenty-six years, was gathered to his reward. A native of Maryland, but an early settler of Michigan, and for years served most effectively as a Methodist preacher in some of the leading charges of the state. The life of Companion Blades is closely interwoven with the history of Michigan, having been a close friend and associate of its chief executives and prominent men. He became a Mason in 1850. A Royal and Select Master in 1859, and a Scottish Rite Mason in 1862. For twenty-eight years he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of the state, and as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council he served for twenty-six years, and as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the state, he served twenty-six years, thereby becoming greatly endeared to all Masons in the state, so that his loss is felt quite universally.

MISSOURI CRYPTIC MASONRY has suffered a great loss during the year, in the death of her noble Companion, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Joseph H. Browne, who efficiently served in that capacity during 1873, and who for nearly half a century was an earnest and zealous Select Master. He died Feb. 12, 1906.

Also, Allan McDowell, Past Grand Master for 1872, entered the Secret Vault at the age of seventy-three.

NEW JERSEY Companions have been saddened by the death of John A. Parker, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master for 1893, which occurred Jan. 8, 1906, aged fifty-eight. He was an ideal

Mason; an ornament to the Craft. His friendship was helpful and constant. His morality was a religious force giving direction to his daily duty, making him a positive factor for the right in the world. At the time of his death, he was Grand Chancellor of New Jersey Consistory.

To the memory of the noble dead, monuments of marble may be erected, but one grander and more enduring that architect or scupltor or money can devise or hands erect, is the universal tribute of the moral honesty and uprightness and integrity of their lives.

"If so men's memories not thy monuments be,
Thou shalt have none. Warm hearts and not cold stones,
Must mark thy grave, or thou shalt lie unknown.
Marbles keep not themselves: how, then, keep thee?"

V. F. BROWN, Chairman,
W. E. SLOAN,
M. W. DUNGAN,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAN

THIS PAGE

By Order of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio,

IS

Fraternally Dedicated, and set apart to the Beloved Memory of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER JURISDICTIONS

who have died during the years

1905 and 1906.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the Memory of One Hundred and Eight Companions Whose Deaths are Reported in the Returns of July 31st, A. D. 1906.

LEE C. HARRIS	December 22, 1905.	Cincinnati,	No	1
JOSEPH SACHS	July 21, 1906	"	"	1
HARRY B. HEHNS	July 5, 1906	Union,	"	2
JAMES C. RALSTON	May 27, 1906	"	"	2
JOHN C. BLISS	August 15, 1905	Chillicothe,	"	4
GEORGE W. BRANDLE	October 30, 1905	"	"	4
JOHN F. COOK	February 3, 1906	"	"	4
WILLIAM B. GALLIVAN	August 22, 1905	"	"	4
ADAM M. GALBRAITH	February 20, 1906	"	"	4
HENRY T. SHARP	April 5, 1906	"	"	4
CONRAD NORPELL	August 3, 1905	Bigelow,	"	7
LOUIS FOSTER	February 25, 1906	Columbus,	"	8
FRANK P. HAMPSHIRE	November 26, 1905.	"	"	8
HENRY C. LOMIS	July 30, 1906	"	"	8
REUBEN R. MARBLE	June 14, 1906	"	"	8
JACOB RECAB	July 12, 1906	"	"	8
FRANK E. HONEMAN	June 27, 1906	"	"	8
WINFIELD L. SCOTT	August 5, 1905	"	"	8
ALLEN E. WATERS	July 12, 1906	"	"	8
SAMUEL A. DICKSON	June 4, 1906	Reese,	"	9
WILLIAM H. MARTIN	December 13, 1905.	"	"	9
DEWITT C. SPINNING	November 22, 1905.	"	"	9
D. H. PITMAN	January 10, 1906	Zanesville,	"	12
GEORGE R. LAUBACH	November 15, 1905.	Wooster,	"	13
THOMAS W. ASHWORTH	July 1906	Franklin,	"	14
H. FRANK SHILLING	July 1906	"	"	14
AUGUSTUS J. FRAME	April 5, 1906	Athens,	"	15
ALBERT EGLINGER	December 2, 1905	Springfield	"	17
ANDREW HYLE	——1906	"	"	17
FRED L. LEONARD	November 19, 1905.	"	"	17
JAMES C. TRAVIS	April 28, 1906	Hamilton	"	19
FRANCIS ASHTON	July 4, 1906	Lima,	"	20
THOMAS C. CALVERT	April 19, 1906	"	"	20
ELIAS H. JOHNS	December 23, 1905.	"	"	20
GEORGE R. LEIST	February 6, 1906	"	"	20

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS J. MORRIS	October 21, 1905	Lima,	No.	20
CHARLES R. CLARK	January 4, 1906	Marion,	"	22
HENRY TRUE	April 30, 1906	"	"	22
EUGENE SMITH	February 5, 1906	Norwalk	"	24
GEORGE R. WALKER	June 20, 1906	"	"	24
JACOB ENGLEBY	October 27, 1905	Sandusky City	"	26
ALFRED K. JANECKI	September 10, 1905	"	"	26
JAMES PARTRIDGE	March 10, 1906	"	"	26
AUGUST MILLER	December 31, 1905	"	"	26
B. W. WILSON	July 26, 1906	"	"	26
HENRY G. BUNERT	November 28, 1905	Toledo,	"	33
CHARLES M. LANG	September 8, 1905	"	"	33
REUBEN C. LEMMON	September 7: 1905	"	"	33
LOUIS H. PIKE	February 9, 1906	"	"	33
P. P. BUSH	November 15, 1905	Canton,	"	35
EDWARD O. BELL	July 14, 1906	"	"	35
HERMAN W. HERBST	May 26, 1906	"	"	35
BRENTON B. BABCOCK	January 10, 1906	Cleveland,	"	36
WILLIAM F. DAVIS	March 29, 1906	"	"	36
WILLIAM DOWNIS	July 30, 1906	"	"	36
JOHN THOMAS GAWNE	July 12, 1906	"	"	36
ARTHUR K. A. LISBICK	November 7, 1905	"	"	36
EDWARD DUNN PAGS	December 30, 1905	"	"	36
LOUIS POPLOWSKY	August 19, 1905	"	"	36
JOHN E. TURNER	August 31, 1905	"	"	36
Z. WILLIAMS	September 8, 1905	Hock-Hocking	"	39
W. S. BAILEY	September 7, 1905	Conneaut	"	40
J. E. COHN	February 26, 1906	"	"	40
A. D. EASTMAN	August 2, 1905	"	"	40
O. T. HOLLOWAY	November 20, 1905	Omega,	"	44
SIDNEY P. COE	September 6, 1905	Bosworth,	"	46
LEONIDAS H. LEE	October 5, 1905	"	"	46
JOHN H. REUTER	March 10, 1906	"	"	46
ANDREW WISEMAN	November 14, 1905	Findlay,	"	50
ROSS J. ALEXANDER	September 19, 1905	Belmont,	"	54
THOMAS CARR	August 16, 1905	Oc-co-nox-ee,	"	55
FRANK M. HALL	August 25, 1905	"	"	55
NEAL HARDY	September 14, 1905	"	"	55
W. H. MCCLINTOCK	May 20, 1906	"	"	55

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK W. ARTHUR	April 19, 1906	Gebal,	No.	56
EDWARD J. BUBB	December 20, 1905	Warren,	"	58
CHRISTIAN HOLSCHER	May 4, 1906	"	"	58
JAMES M. HULL	June 20, 1906	"	"	58
JOHN M. STULL	January 30, 1906	"	"	58
MICHAEL GALLIGHER	January 6, 1905	Urbana,	"	59
JAMES B. JOHNSON	December 19, 1905	"	"	59
A. C. SMITH	August 12, 1905	"	"	59
BENNETT H. ATER	February 4, 1906	Tyrian	"	60
WILLIAM F. HUGHEY	July 23, 1906	"	"	60
FREDERICK FABING	June 2, 1906	Fremont,	"	64
ISAAC STROHL	December 24, 1905	"	"	64
WILLIAM S. ROBINSON	December 27, 1905	Kenton,	"	65
GEORGE W. RUTLEDGE	January 18, 1906	"	"	65
G. LUTERMEISTER	October 31, 1905	"	"	65
JACOB BARTLETT	June 30, 1906	Wauseon,	"	68
FRANK EWING	June 30, 1906	Putnam,	"	69
W. C. G. KRAUSS	April 5, 1906	"	"	69
WILLIAM F. MILLS	August 7, 1906	Delphos,	"	72
HORACE D. HIESTAND	August 15, 1905	Van Wert,	"	73
BENJAMIN A. STUBBINS	August 14, 1905	New Lexington	"	75
WILLIAM H. BURTNER	May 17, 1906	Wyoming,	"	77
FRED S. PAYNE	September 27, 1905	Marietta,	"	78
SAMUEL S. BIERLY	April 21, 1906	Solomon,	"	79
RICHARD P. MARVIN	June 23, 1906	Akron,	"	80
JOHN H. BOYSEL	December 29, 1905	St. Marys	"	81
JOHN BLYTHE	February 4, 1906	Gwynn	"	83
MICHAEL J. AHERN	May 28, 1906	Delaware,	"	84
SAMUEL J. HARRISON	September 29, 1905	"	"	84
JOHN W. SIEGFRIED	February 12, 1906	"	"	84
LOUIS WELCH	June 24, 1906	"	"	84
JOHN G. BANS	February 8, 1906	Elyria,	"	86
CHARLES OLMSTEAD	April 23, 1906	Fostoria,	"	90
JOHN W. MORRIS	April 23, 1906	LaFayette,	"	93

Annual Proceedings.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have the usual number of the Proceedings of this Assembly printed, and to distribute them as usual.

Installation of Grand Officers.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were presented by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, John F. Lane, acting as Grand Marshal, to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Edwin Morrell, and were installed in Ample Form and Proclamation made.

No further business claiming the attention of the Grand Council, the Grand Recorder read the records, which were approved.

After devotional exercises by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters closed its Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly, to meet in the city of Columbus, on the first Tuesday in October, (the 1st), A. D. 1907, Y. D. 2907, the day preceding the Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

E. H. Archer

M. Ill. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. C. Grand

R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

Organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

At a convention at Worthington, Ohio, January 6th, 1880, delegates from Councils at Cincinnati, Steubenville, Granville, Lancaster and Chillicothe, organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Companion Robert T. Lytle, of Cincinnati, in the Chair and Companion William J. Reese, of Lancaster, Secretary.

Assembly	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Principal Conductor of Work	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Place of Meeting	Date.
1st.	Rev. Robt. Punchon.	Samuel Stockeley	James Gates	Robt. T. Lytle	William J. Reese	Worthington	Jan. 6, 1880
2nd.	"	Wm. Gwynn	William J. Reese	John Noble	James D. Caldwell	Columbus	Jan. 6, 1881
3rd.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1882
4th.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1883
5th.	Wm. J. Reese	Henry Sage	William Y. Emmitt	"	"	Columbus	Jan. 9, 1884
6th.	"	Samuel Stockeley	George C. Gephart	"	"	"	Jan. 8, 1885
7th.	"	Samuel Reed	"	"	"	"	Jan. 7, 1886
8th.	"	"	"	"	"	Lancaster	June 23, 1887
9th.	Wm. B. Thrall	James Gates	Arthur C. Davis	George Meyers	"	"	June 21, 1888
10th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 18, 1839
11th.	"	Wm. Hunter	Phiny M. Crume	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1840
12th.	"	Isaac C. Copelen	Adam J. Leslie	"	"	"	Oct. 21, 1841
13th.	"	George D. Hine	A. S. Sanford	"	"	"	Oct. 20, 1842
14th.	John W. Milligan	George C. Gephart	Joseph Hildreth	Isaac C. Copelen	"	"	Oct. 24, 1843
15th.	"	"	Absalom Death	"	Benjamin F. Smith	Columbus	Oct. 25, 1844
16th.	"	Joseph Hildreth	George L. Shinnick	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1845
17th.	Absalom Death	Kimball Porter	M. Z. Kreider	"	"	Dayton	Oct. 22, 1846
18th.	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus	Sept. 16, 1847
19th.	"	George L. Shinnick	Jonas Ward	"	"	"	Sept. 28, 1848
20th.	William B. Dodd	Samuel H. Bancroft	"	"	"	Steubenville	Oct. 18, 1849
21st.	"	George L. Shinnick	John M. Barrere	"	"	Cincinnati	Oct. 17, 1850
22nd.	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1851
23rd.	John M. Barrere	Thomas Orr	F. J. Phillips	"	John D. Caldwell	Chillicothe	Oct. 21, 1852
24th.	"	Samuel B. Pruden	J. W. Kennedy	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1853
25th.	"	"	Gottlieb Steinman	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1854
26th.	"	George Keifer	"	"	"	Mansfield	Oct. 18, 1855
27th.	"	"	Joseph Hildreth	"	"	Zanesville	Oct. 16, 1856
28th.	John M. Parks	"	Charles C. Kiefer	"	"	Massillon	Oct. 15, 1857
29th.	"	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	"	"	Columbus	Oct. 14, 1858
30th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 14, 1859
31st.	Charles C. Kiefer	Jacob Y. Cantwell	Stith M. Sullivan	"	"	"	Oct. 11, 1860
32nd.	"	James S. Reeves	"	"	"	"	Oct. 10, 1861
33rd.	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	William F. Hills	Flavius J. Phillips	"	"	Oct. 15, 1862
34th.	Timothy B. Fisher	W. M. Cunningham	Charles Brown	"	"	"	Oct. 15, 1863

35th..	Wm. M. Cunningham	Isaac Robertson.....	Henry H. Wagoner...	Flavius J. Phillips.	John D. Caldwell..	Cleveland...	Oct.	13, 1864
36th..	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus...	Sept.	5, 1865
37th..	"	Joseph R. Conrad.....	Edgar A. Hopkins....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct.	11, 1866
38th..	Charles Brown.....	"	Calvin Halladay.....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct.	10, 1867
39th..	"	"	"	"	"	Dayton.....	Oct.	16, 1868
40th..	Joseph R. Conrad.....	Calvin Halladay.....	Henry Theobald.....	"	"	Cleveland....	Oct.	15, 1869
41st..	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept.	13, 1870
42nd..	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky...	Sept.	26, 1871
43rd..	"	Peter L. Wilson.....	John M. Benjamin....	"	"	Columbus...	Oct.	1, 1872
44th..	Henry Theobald.....	"	O. A. B. Senter.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept.	2, 1873
45th..	"	S. W. Courtright.....	"	"	"	Dayton.....	Sept.	9, 1874
46th..	S. W. Courtright.....	Orestes A. B. Senter...	Henry Newbegin.....	"	"	Put-in-Bay...	Sept.	8, 1875
47th..	"	"	"	"	"	"	Aug.	30, 1876
48th..	"	"	Stith M. Sullivan.....	"	"	Cleveland...	Aug.	29, 1877
49th..	O. A. B. Senter.....	Stith M. Sullivan.....	Jos. M. Goodspeed....	Samuel B. Evans..	"	Columbus...	Oct.	10, 1878
50th..	"	"	"	"	"	Akron.....	Oct.	16, 1879
51st..	Joseph M. Goodspeed.	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	"	"	Chillicothe..	Oct.	14, 1880
52nd..	"	"	"	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept.	21, 1881
53rd..	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	"	"	Newark.....	Sept.	20, 1882
54th..	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky...	Oct.	11, 1883
55th..	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride...	"	"	Tiffin.....	Sept.	16, 1884
56th..	"	"	"	"	"	Cleveland...	Oct.	6, 1885
57th..	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride...	Graff M. Acklin.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct.	7, 1886
58th..	"	"	"	"	"	Steubenville.	Oct.	5, 1887
59th..	George D. McBride....	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	"	"	Springfield..	Oct.	2, 1888
60th..	"	"	"	"	"	Findlay.....	Sept.	10, 1889
61st..	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	Lewis M. Lea.....	"	"	Marion.....	Sept.	23, 1890
62nd..	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct.	6, 1891
63rd..	Edwin Morrell.....	Lewis M. Lea.....	John S. White.....	"	William R. Evans.	Zanesville...	Sept.	27, 1892
64th..	"	"	"	"	"	Marietta.....	Sept.	26, 1893
65th..	Lewis M. Lea.....	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	"	"	Columbus...	Sept.	18, 1894
66th..	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	"	"	Cleveland...	Sept.	10, 1895
67th..	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison....	"	"	Sandusky...	Oct.	6, 1896
68th..	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean.....	"	"	Springfield..	Sept.	28, 1897
69th..	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean.....	Wm. B. Anderson.....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept.	27, 1898
70th..	Wm. T. McLean.....	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland..	"	"	Cleveland....	Sept.	26, 1899
71st..	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland..	Jewett Palmer.....	"	"	Columbus...	Oct.	9, 1900
72nd..	Geo. D. Copeland.....	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept.	24, 1901
73rd..	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Henry True.....	"	Lima.....	Sept.	23, 1902
74th..	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Wm. A. Spill.....	"	"	Akron.....	Oct.	13, 1903
75th..	Nelson Williams.....	William A. Spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	"	"	Columbus....	Oct.	4, 1904
76th..	William A. Spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	Milton B. Dickerson..	"	"	Springfield..	Oct.	3, 1905
77th..	Edward H. Archer....	Milton B. Dickerson..	Warren J. Baker.....	Rob't. V. Hampson	"	Columbus....	Oct.	2, 1906

Analysis of Subordinate Returns to Grand Recorder, October 2nd, 1905.

Number.	NAME OF COUNCIL.	No. Members 1905.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended Un. M. C.	Expelled.	No. Members 1906.	Cash Received.	TH. ILL. MASTER.	RECORDER.
1	Cincinnati	230	45	....	2	1	2	1	....	....	273	$ 170 00	F. W. Hendley	Jos. Kirkup.
2	Union	131	9	....	....	2	2	2	....	....	134	70 00	B. F. Murphy	H. R. Linton.
4	Chillicothe	196	30	....	....	1	6	1	....	....	218	124 00	Louis C. Laube	J. W. Best.
7	Bigelow	201	18	1	4	1	1	4	....	....	218	129 00	Frank L. Beggs	A. P. Taylor.
8	Columbus	509	36	....	....	....	8	2	....	....	535	285 50	H. N. Dole	W. R. Joseph.
9	Reese	496	24	1	....	1	3	2	....	....	515	269 50	G. G. G. Peckham	C. D. Kidd.
12	Zanesville	164	5	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	166	85 50	R. H. McFarland	H. H. Philo.
13	Wooster	58	9	....	....	....	1	3	....	1	62	35 50	G. J. Schwartz	J. B. Minier.
14	Franklin	101	16	....	....	6	2	1	....	....	108	62 00	Walter Duer	R. M. Faulkner.
15	Athens	100	19	....	2	....	1	2	....	....	118	78 50	C. M. Copeland	J. A. Palmer.
16	Hillsboro	64	8	....	1	2	....	1	....	....	70	62 00	C. M. Kerns	C. W. Anderson.
17	Springfield	227	21	....	2	2	3	8	....	....	237	134 50	R. H. Worthington	O. H. Anderson.
19	Hamilton	106	16	....	9	....	1	5	....	....	125	99 50	Chas. C. Falk	W. A. Seward.
20	Lima	130	5	....	5	2	5	27	....	....	106	58 00	A. J. Gustason	Wallace Landis.
22	Marion	233	25	1	....	5	2	4	....	....	248	136 50	E. R. Wilson	George S. McGuire.
24	Norwalk	46	9	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	53	31 00	C. N. Frazier	J. H. Gross.
26	Sandusky City	167	10	....	....	4	5	....	....	....	168	89 00	R. W. Worden	J. D. Lea.
32	Moriah	81	3	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	85	44 50	Lewis B. Shaw	John C. Vanden.
33	Toledo	445	70	3	4	3	4	7	....	....	508	298 50	Geo. H. Allen	E. W. Eastell.
35	Canton	170	13	....	1	....	3	4	....	....	177	95 50	Chas. Dickerhof	Chas. Silverman.
36	Cleveland	598	40	1	....	2	8	4	....	....	625	382 50	Chas. E. Cole	H. E. Morrison.
39	Hockhocking	63	2	....	....	....	1	12	....	....	52	27 00	A. W. Mauk	Chas. W. James.
40	Conneaut	208	21	1	....	2	3	....	....	....	225	123 00	H. S. Schalk	H. D. Prosser.
41	London	36	....	....	6	1	....	....	....	....	41	30 50	C. E. Arbuckle	Geo. W. Clark.
44	Omega	133	29	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	164	95 50	J. G. Augustine	C. C. Snyder.
46	Bosworth	67	11	....	....	2	3	1	....	....	72	41 50	E. Davis	Geo. H. Parker.
47	Clinton	75	22	....	3	1	....	4	....	....	95	77 50	Asa M. Hart	B. E. Cockayne.
50	Findlay	83	15	....	....	1	1	4	....	....	92	58 50	John A. Gore	D. L. Grable.
54	Belmont	48	29	....	....	1	1	2	....	....	73	51 00	C. W. Carroll	J. B. Meyer.
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	130	4	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	130	67 00	R. W. Workman	F. J. Papenhagan.
56	Gebal	106	30	1	17	1	1	10	....	....	142	96 00	L. F. Romig	C. W. Sheppard.
58	Warren	191	27	....	....	1	4	....	....	....	218	119 50	J. S. Gildard	F. W. Adams.

59	Urbana	82	11		6		3				96	56 00	M. R. Talbot	H. M. Crow
60	Tyrian	88	13		1	3	2				92	54 50	J. R. Florence	S. L. Grigsby
64	Fremont	82	9		1	3	2				87	58 00	W. S. Lewis	H. S. Dorr.
65	Keuton	128	10				3				135	72 50	John Wilson	J. E. Rubins
68	Wauseon	107	7	1		1	1	1			112	59 50	F. W. Zerman	F. W. Moyer.
69	Putnam	105	14	1	3	2	2				119	85 00	J. W. Brown	Jno T. Maidlow.
70	Sidney	84	7		3			5			89	55 00	A. W. Reddish	Jesse C. Wilson.
71	Trowel	122	5			2					125	65 00	H. C. Murfin	D. Herbert.
72	Delphos	55	17		5	4	1				72	55 00	J. E. Fast	F. O. Brotherton.
78	Van Wert	120	6		1		1	6			130	68 50	R. J. Cavette	I. H. Malick.
74	Guernsey	68	18					5			81	49 50	Jos. M. Wood	W. S. Campbell.
75	New Lexington	88	12	1	1		1				101	59 50	H. F. Acker	Jas. F. McMahon.
76	Kinsman	138	17			2		2			151	84 00	Banner M. Allen	Sam'l H. Peterman.
77	Wyoming	52			1		1	1			51	26 00	A. K. Murray	Leslie Webb.
78	Marietta	133	18		3	1	1				152	85 50	H. E. Carlton	A. W. Tompkins.
79	Solomon	101	42	1	1	1	1				148	95 00	A. J. Fuller	Geo. Padan.
80	Akron	109	36	2	1	1	1	1			145	92 00	R. B. Wilson	W. E. Waugh.
81	St. Marys	77	8			4	1				80	44 00	V. Bodey	H. E. Henderson.
82	Bellevue	70	7								77	42 00	Frank P. Hale	Chas. Matz.
83	Gwynn	123	11	1		13	1	2			119	65 00	R. V. Vaughan	D. B. Cooper.
84	Delaware	90	19			2	4		1		102	60 50	J. L. Sperling	Wm. M. Semans.
85	Logan	95	10								105	57 50	W. E. Sloan	J. W. Thatcher.
86	Elyria	85	17				1				101	59 00	J. C. Smith	Geo. H. Mapes.
87	Bellaire	77	20								97	58 50	W. G. Giessen	Will Daugherty.
88	Lancaster	87	2								89	45 50	F. L. Mauger	C. W. Matthews.
89	S. S. Jewell	81	4					1			84	19 00	L. Henderson	C. S. Hamilton.
90	Fostoria	66	18			1	1				77	45 00	A. E. Mergenthaler	C. E. Davis.
91	Matchette	82	5			1					86	20 50	S. A. Hawes	G. A. Katzenberger.
92	Ohio	36	4								40	22 00	J. D. Foster	A. Robinson.
93	LaFayette	66	17				1				82	49 50	R. D. Burnham	J. R. Miles.
94	Mansfield	53	69	18							140	104 50	F. H. Marquis	H. M. Alvord.
U D	Xenia		33	5							38	35 50	S. H. Whiteman	Watkins Frame.
U D	Keramos		21	9							21	16 50	J. T. Croxall	John Stamm.
	Totals	8252	1114	52	84	86	108	135	1	1	9167	$ 5823 00		

U D	Xenia	50 00 Dispensation Fee.
U D	Keramos	50 00 Dispensation Fee.
U D	Barnesville	50 00 Dispensation Fee.
U D	Upper Sandusky	50 00 Dispensation Fee.
	Total	$ 5523 00

Total		8,252
Less Error No. 78	2	
Less Error No. 59	1	
Less Error No. 58	1	4
Total		8,248

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RECAPITULATION.

MEMBERSHIP.		DEDUCT.	
Membership July 31, 1905.....	8,248	Withdrawn.....	86
Advanced to July 31, 1906.....	1,114	Died.....	108
Admitted to July 31, 1906.....	52	Suspended, *N. P. D.*.....	135
Reinstated to July 31, 1906.....	84	Suspended U. M. Con. 1—Expelled 1..	2
Total.....	9,498	Total.....	331

Membership, July 31, 1906—9,167.

Net gain over 1905 of 919—The largest in the history of the Grand Council.

PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 2, 1906.

NAME	TITLE.	LOCATION.	MILES.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM PAID.
William A. Spill	M. Ill. G. M	Cleveland	188	$ 11 04	$ 6 00	$ 17 04	Wm. A. Spill.
Ed. H. Archer	R. Ill. Dep. G. M	Columbus			3 00	3 00	E. H. Archer.
M. B. Dickerson	R. Ill. G. P. C. of W	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. B. Dickerson.
Robt. V. Hampson	R. Ill. Gr. Treas	Salem	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	Robert V. Hampson.
Wm. E. Evans	R. Ill. Gr. Recorder	Chillicothe	51	4 08	6 00	10 08	Wm. E. Evans.
Rev. V. F. Brown	R. Ill. Gr. Chaplain	Dayton	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	V. F. Brown.
Warren J. Baker	Ill. Gr. C. of Guards	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Warren J. Baker.
Chas. H. Giessen	Ill. Gr. C. of Council	Cleveland	188	11 04	3 00	14 04	Chas. H. Giessen.
I. L. Oppenheimer	Ill. Gr. Steward	Pomeroy	112	8 96	3 00	11 96	I. L. Oppenheimer.
Hugh V. Olney	Ill. Gr. Sentinel	Van Wert	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	Hugh V. Olney.
Nelson Williams	Chr. Com. For. Cor	Hamilton	108	8 24	3 00	11 24	Nelson Williams.
S. W. Courtright	P. M. Ill. G. M	Circleville	81				
O. A. B. Senter	do	Columbus			3 00	3 00	O. A. B. Senter.
J. M. Goodspeed	do	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	J. M. Goodspeed.
Levi C. Goodale	do	Cincinnati	116	9 28	3 00	12 28	Levi C. Goodale.
Wm. M. Cunningham	do	Newark	88	2 64	3 00	5 64	Wm. M. Cunningham.
D. C. Winegarner	do	Newark	88	2 64	3 00	5 64	D. C. Winegarner.
G. D. McBride	do	Gallipolis	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	G. D. McBride.
Graff M. Acklin	do	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Graff M. Acklin.
Edwin Morrell	do	Columbus			3 00	3 00	Edwin Morrell.
Lewis M. Lea	do	Sandusky	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	Lewis M. Lea.
Arthur P. Crane	do	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	A. P. Crane.
H. E. Morrison	do	Cleveland	188	11 04	3 00	14 04	H. E. Morrison.
Wm. T. McLean	do	Sidney	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	Wm. T. McLean.
Wm. B. Anderson	do	Dayton	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	W. B. Anderson.
Geo. D. Copeland	do	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Geo. D. Copeland.
Jewett Palmer	do	Marietta	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	Jewett Palmer.
John T. Lane	do	Conneaut	206	16 48	3 00	19 48	John F. Lane.
Totals			2,488	$ 195 20	$ 87 00	$ 282 20	

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 2nd, 1906

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
1	Cincinnati	Walnut Hills	Hamilton	116	$ 9 28	$ 3 00	$ 12 28	Frank W. Hendley.
2	Union	Steubenville	Jefferson	150	12 00	3 00	15 00	B. Frank Murphy.
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Ross	51	4 08	3 00	7 08	Albert Scholl.
7	Bigelow	Newark	Licking	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	F. L. Beggs
8	Columbus	Columbus	Franklin			3 00	3 00	H. N. P. Dole.
9	Reese	Dayton	Montgomery	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	Geo. G. G. Peckham.
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	Muskingum	59	4 72	3 00	7 72	R. H. McFarland.
13	Wooster	Wooster	Wayne	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	George J. Schwartz.
14	Franklin	Troy	Miami	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	Walter Duer
15	Athens	Athens	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	C. M. Copeland
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Highland	97	7 76	3 00	10 76	Geo. W. Barrere.
17	Springfield	Springfield	Clarke	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	R. A. Worthington.
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	Butler	103	8 24	3 00	11 24	C. C. Falk.
20	Lima	Lima	Allen	88	7 04	3 00	10 04	August Kalb.
22	Marion	Marion	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	George S. McGuire.
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Huron	104	8 32	3 00	11 32	Caselton Roscoe.
26	Sandusky City	Sandusky	Erie	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	J. A. Davey.
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Gallia	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	L. B. Shaw.
33	Toledo	Toledo	Lucas	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Thomas B. Guitteau.
35	Canton	Canton	Stark	125	10 00	3 00	13 00	Charles Dickerhof.
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cuyahago	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	Charles E. Cole.
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Hocking	50	4 00	3 00	7 00	A. W. Mauk.
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	Ashtabula	206	16 48	3 00	19 48	H. S. Schalk.
41	London	London	Madison	25	2 00	3 00	5 00	M. W. Dungan.
44	Omega	Salem	Columbiana	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	John G. Augustine.
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	Meigs	112	8 96	3 00	11 96	E. Davis.
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Seneca	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	Asa. M. Hart.
50	Findlay	Findlay	Hancock	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	John Gore.
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Belmont	139	11 12	3 00	14 12	C. W. Carroll.
55	Occonoxee	Defiance	Defiance	133	10 64	3 00	13 64	W. A. Snider.
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	Tuscarawas	99	7 92	3 00	10 92	L. F. Romig.
58	Warren	Warren	Trumbull	172	13 76	3 00	16 76	J. S. Gildard.

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio—Continued.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
59	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign	47	3 76	3 00	6 76	M. R. Tolbot.
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Pickaway	31	2 48	3 00	5 48	J. R. Florence.
64	Fremont	Fremont	Sandusky	110	8 80	3 00	11 80	W. S. Lewis.
65	Kenton	Kenton	Hardin	61	4 88	3 00	7 88	John Wilson.
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	Fulton	166	13 28	3 00	16 28	F. W. Moyer.
69	Putnam	Ottawa	Putnam	107	8 56	3 00	11 56	E. R. Eastman.
70	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	A. W. Reddish.
71	Trowel	Jackson	Jackson	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	Frank Crumit.
72	Delphos	Delphos	Van Wert	108	8 24	3 00	11 24	J. E. Fast.
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	Van Wert	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	R. J. Cavette.
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	Guernsey	85	6 80	3 00	9 80	S. M. Hyde.
75	New Lexington	New Lexington	Perry	53	4 24	3 00	7 24	H. F. Acker.
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	Knox	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Banner M. Allen.
77	Wyoming	Wyoming	Hamilton	116	9 28	3 00	12 28	J. H. Bromwell.
78	Marietta	Marietta	Washington	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	H. E. Carleton.
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	Scioto	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	A. J. Fuller.
80	Akron	Akron	Summitt	132	10 56	3 00	13 56	R. B. Wilson.
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	Auglaize	110	8 80	3 00	11 80	V. Bodey.
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Huron	96	7 68	3 00	10 68	Frank P. Hale.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	Crawford	63	5 04	3 00	8 04	R. V. Vaughan.
84	Delaware	Delaware	Delaware	24	1 92	3 00	4 92	J. L. Sperling.
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Logan	65	5 20	3 00	8 20	W. E. Sloan.
86	Elyria	Elyria	Lorain	122	9 76	3 00	12 76	Clark H. Loughey.
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	Belmont	137	10 96	3 00	13 96	W. G. Geissen.
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	Fairfield	32	2 56	3 00	5 56	Fred L. Mauger.
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	Union	29	2 32	3 00	5 32	L. Henderson.
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	Seneca	89	7 12	3 00	10 12	A. E. Mergenthaler.
91	Matchette	Greenville	Darke	94	7 52	3 00	10 52	S. A. Hawes.
92	Ohio	Ironton	Lawrence	127				
93	LaFayette	Piqua	Miami	73	5 84	3 00	8 84	R. D. Burnham.
94	Mansfield	Mansfield	Richland	73	5 84	3 00	8 84	F. H. Marquis.
	Total			5,784	$ 452 56	$ 186 00	$ 638 56	

I certify the amount of the above Pay Roll to be correct.

Columbus, O., October 2, 1906.

R. V. HAMPSON, *R. Ill. Gr. Treas.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Of the Grand Council of Ohio, from its Organization on Wednesday, January 6th, 1830, to the Present Date.

*Robert Punchon	Cincinnati	1830-1-2-3
*William J. Reese	Lancaster	1834-5-6-7
*William B. Thrall	Circleville	1838-9-40-1-2
*John W. Milligan	Columbus	1843-4-5
*Absalom Death	Cincinnati	1846-7-8
*William B. Dodds	Cincinnati	1849-50-51
*John M. Barrere	Hillsboro	1852-3-4-5-6
*John M. Parks	Cincinnati	1857-8-9
*Charles C. Kiefer	Urbana	1860-1-2
*Timothy B. Fisher	Marion	1863
William M. Cunningham	Newark	1864-5-6
*Charles Brown	Cincinnati	1867-8
*Joseph R. Conrad	Atwater	1869-70-1-2
*Henry Theobald	Dayton	1873-4
Samuel W. Courtright	Circleville	1875-6-7
Orestes A. B. Senter	Columbus	1878-9
Joseph M. Goodspeed	Athens	1880-1
Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati	1882-3
*David P. Chamberlin	Toledo	1884-5
David C. Winegarner	Newark	1886-7
George D. McBride	Gallipolis	1888-9
Graff M. Acklin	Toledo	1890-1
Edwin Morrell	Columbus	1892-3
Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky	1894
*John S. White	Cleveland	1895
Arthur P. Crane	Toledo	1896
John B. Romans	Seattle, Wash.	1897
Henry E. Morrison	Cleveland	1898
William T. McLean	Sidney	1899
William B. Anderson	Dayton	1900
George D. Copeland	Marion	1901
Jewett Palmer	Marietta	1902
John F. Lane	Conneaut	1903
Nelson Williams	Hamilton	1904
William A. Spill	Cleveland	1905
Edward H. Archer	Columbus	1906

*Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

INTERCHANGED TO GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Frank H. Marquis	Mansfield
Arkansas	George D. McBride	Gallipolis
California	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo
Connecticut	Edwin Morrell	Columbus
Colorado	Charles H. Giessen	Cleveland
Florida	Lewis P. Schaus	Newark
Georgia	Henry E. Morrison	Cleveland
Illinois	William B. Anderson	Dayton
Indian Territory	George D. Copeland	Marion
Indiana	Nelson Williams	Hamilton
Iowa	William T. McLean	Sidney
Kansas	George P. Conner	Lima
Kentucky	Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati
Louisiana	Edward H. Archer	Columbus
Maine	John W. Parsons	Springfield
Maryland	Graff M. Acklin	Toledo
Massachusetts	O. A. B. Senter	Columbus
Michigan	Wm. E. Evans	Chillicothe
Minnesota	George Billow	Akron
Mississippi	I. L. Oppenheimer	Pomeroy
Missouri	Robert V. Hampson	Salem
Nebraska	Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky
New Hampshire	Jewett Palmer	Marietta
New Jersey		
New York	W. M. Cunningham	Newark
North Carolina	Wm. E. Banta	Springfield
Oregon	D. C. Winegarner	Newark
Pennsylvania	J. W. Iredell, Jr	Cincinnati
Rhode Island	S. B. Grove	Urbana
Vermont	John F. Lane	Conneaut
South Carolina	Warren J. Baker	Toledo
Tennessee	C. W. Carroll	St. Clairsville
Washington	W. A. Spill	Cleveland
Wisconsin	C. C. Park	Tiffin
England and Wales	Moses H. Levagood	Elyria
Canada	George W. Fels	Cincinnati
General Gr'd Council.	O. A. B. Senter	Columbus

REPRESENTATIVES

INTERCHANGED FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Jacob D. Bloch	Mobile
Arkansas	Edgar E. Bryant	Fort Smith
California	James Hedges Hall	Santa Anna
Canada	Samuel Dubber	St. Thomas, Ont.
Colorado	George H. Winchell	La Junta
Connecticut	Dwight Waugh	Stamford
England and Wales	Charles F. Matier	London, Eng.
Florida	C. L. Smith	Daytona
Georgia	Robert L. Colding	Savannah
Illinois	George W. Curtis	Peoria
Indiana	Simeon P. Gilliett	Evansville
Indian Territory	William L. Eagleton	Pawnee
Iowa	Charles A. Dewey	Washington
Kansas	Thomas L. Bond	Salina
Kentucky	Charles Henry Fisk	Covington
Louisiana	Robt. Harmon Cage	New Iberia
Maine	Webster Hazlewood	Andover, Mass.
Maryland	John M. Carter	Baltimore
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston
Michigan	George A. Cross	Lawrence
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Nebraska	Charles J. Phelps	Schuyler
New Brunswick	James Masters	Moneton
New Hampshire	Rev. J. M. Durrell	Dover
New Jersey	Linsly Rowe	Jersey City
New York	James Chambers	New York City
North Carolina	Walter S. Liddell	Charlotte
Oregon	A. L. Rumsey	Mt. Tabor
Pennsylvania	James B. Youngson	Pittsburg
Rhode Island	Rev. H. W. Rugg	Providence
South Carolina	J. T. Baron	Columbia
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville
Vermont	Frank A. Phillips	Randolph
Washington	John B. Romans	Seattle
Wisconsin	Fred Ring	La Crosse

GRAND COUNCILS
AND
ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

GENERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND RECORDERS.	GRAND COUNCILS.	ADDRESSES.
Gen. Grand Council.	Henry W. Mordhurst..	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp....	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	Wm. A. Davies	Alameda
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson....	Denver
Florida	Wilber P. Webster....	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin.....	Macon
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather....	Indianapolis, Masonic Tem.
Indian Territory ...	Robert Y. Morrison...	Atoka
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines
Kansas	Wm. M. Shaver.....	Topeka
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	James W. Bowers.....	Baltimore, 16 E. Lex'gt. street.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston, Masonic Tem.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery .	St. Paul
Missouri	Robt. F. Stevenson....	St. Louis, Box 959
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha, 1608 Capitol av
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury...	Concord
New York	George Van Vliet.....	New York, 16 8th Ave
North Carolina	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington
Ohio	William E. Evans.....	Chillicothe
Oregon	Seth L. Pope.....	Portland
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston
Tennesse	Wm. A. Clendening...	Nashville
Vermont	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Washington	Edward R. Hare.....	Tacoma
Wisconsin	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS

Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard...	Chicago
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville
Michigan	Charles A. Conover...	Coldwater
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
New Jersey	John B. Bertholf.....	Jersey City
Pennsylvania	Frank W. Martenis....	South Bethlehem
Rhode Island	William R. Greene...	Providence

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS

Canada	James C. Morgan.....	Barrie, Ontario
England and Wales.	Charles F. Matier.....	London, Great Queen Street
New Brunswick ...	Frank A. Godsoe.....	St. John
Ontario	A. G. Horford.....	Toronto
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh

OFFICERS

OF THE

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OF

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OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1906—1909

HENRY C. LARRABEE, Baltimore, Md.,
General Grand Master.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio,
General Deputy Grand Master.

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, Boston, Mass.,
General Grand Principal Conductor.

CHARLES H. HEATON, Montpelier, Vt.,
General Grand Treasurer.

HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.,
General Grand Recorder.

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kan.,
General Grand Captain of Guard.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.
General Grand Conductor of Council.

WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa
General Grand Marshal.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Steward.

MEMBERSHIP
IN THE
GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND COUNCILS.		MEMBER-SHIP	AS PER REPORT
Alabama	.....	373	1905
Arkansas	.....	393	1905
California	.....	1,954	1906
Colorado	.....	522	1906
Connecticut	.....	4,240	1905
Florida	.....	139	1905
Georgia	.....	903	1906
Illinois	.....	4,335	1905
Indiana	.....	4,213	1905
Indian Territory	.....	260	1906
Iowa	.....	1,000	1905
Kansas	.....	1,145	1905
Kentucky	.....	1,190	1905
Louisiana	.....	392	1905
Maine	.....	3,464	1905
Maryland	.....	875	1905
Massachusetts	.....	6,882	1905
Michigan	.....	5,802	1905
Minnesota	.....	807	1905
Mississippi	.....	1,570	1906
Missouri	.....	1,325	1905
Nebraska	.....	948	1905
New Hampshire	.....	1,827	1905
New Jersey	.....	676	1905
New York	.....	5,115	1905
North Carolina	.....	290	1906
Ohio	.....	9,167	1906
Oregon	.....	357	1906
Pennsylvania	.....	3,324	1906
Rhode Island	.....	1,723	1904
South Carolina	.....	207	1906
Tennessee	.....	662	1906
Vermont	.....	1,319	1906
Washington	.....	620	1906
Wisconsin	.....	2,074	1906
Subordinate Councils Reported to the General Grand Council	.....	352	1905
Total Membership in the United States and Territories	.....	70,445	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

CINCINNATI COUNCIL, No. 1. Cincinnati.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 24, 1827.

FRANK W. HENDLEY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOSEPH KIRKUP, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 45.

Reinstated — 2.

Died —

Lee C. Harris, Joseph Sachs.

Withdrawn —

Harry W. Freund.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Fred. W. Shafer.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 273
Grand Council Dues..... $170.00

UNION COUNCIL, No. 2. Steubenville.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

B. FRANK MURPHY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRY R. LINTON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Died —

Harry B. Hehns, James C. Ralston.

Withdrawn —

Edward G. Turk.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Frank P. Hummell, W. W. Wilson.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 134
Grand Council Dues..... $70.00

CHILLICOTHE COUNCIL, No. 4. Chillicothe.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

LOUIS C. LAUBE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. WILLIAM BEST, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 30.

Died —

John C. Bliss, George W. Brandle, John F. Cook, William B. Gallivan, Adam M. Galbraith, Henry T. Sharp.

Withdrawn —

Ralph R. Upton.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

J. Christian Bohnen.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 218
Grand Council Dues..... $124.00

BIGELOW COUNCIL, No. 7. Newark.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1841.

FRANK L. BEGGS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALONZO P. TAYLOR, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Admitted — 1.

Reinstated — 4.

Died —

Conrad Norpell.

Withdrawn —

John H. Vance.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Dr. C. A. Burke, Charles H. Follett, Robert L. Patton, William H. Smith.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 218
Grand Council Dues..... $129.00

COLUMBUS COUNCIL, No. 8. Columbus.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, December 21, 1841.

HORATIO N. P. DOLE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILDEN E. JOSEPH, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 36.

Died —

Louis Foster, Frank P. Hampshire, Henry C. Loomis, Reuben R. Marble, Jacob Recob, Frank E. Hineman, Winfield L. Scott, Alexander E. Waters.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Dwight F. Boyce, Samuel M. Cullison.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 535
Grand Council Dues..... $285.50

REESE COUNCIL, No. 9. Dayton.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 14, 1843.

GEORGE G. G. PECKHAM, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES D. KIDD, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 24.

Admitted — 1.

Died —

Samuel A. Dickson, William H. Martin, DeWitt C. Spinning.

Withdrawn —

William H. Pritz.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Andrew Bruce, James W. Lawhead.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 515
Grand Council Dues.....$269.50

ZANESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 12. Zanesville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1844.

R. H. MCFARLAND, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HERBERT H. PHILO, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Died —

D. H Pitman.

Withdrawn —

Frank Myers, H. J. Sheppard.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 166
Grand Council Dues..... $85.50

WOOSTER COUNCIL, No. 13. Wooster.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1846.

GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES B. MINIER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Died —

George R. Laubach.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Albert C. Adams, William L. Firestone, Wellington Stillwell.

Expelled —

Lewis P. Ohliger.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 62
Grand Council Dues..... $35.50

FRANKLIN COUNCIL, No. 14. Troy.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 16, 1847.

WALTER DUER, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELMER M. FAULKNER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 16.

Died —

Thomas W. Ashworth, H. Frank Shilling.

Withdrawn —

J. H. Coddington, C. B. Jamison, W. H. Kimball, Jud. L. Palmer, E. M. Wilber, A. T. Wills.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

D. C. Orr.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 108
Grand Council Dues..... $62.00

ATHENS COUNCIL, No. 15. Athens.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

CHARLES M. COPELAND, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES A. PALMER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 19.

Reinstated — 2.

Died —

Augustus J. Frame.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Claudius L. Biddison, Frank M. Root.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 113
Grand Council Dues..... $73.50

HILLSBORO COUNCIL, No. 16. Hillsboro.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

CHARLES M. KERNS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. ANDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Reinstated — 1.

Withdrawn —

H. E. Conrad, A. H. Maddox.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

C. C. Patton.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 70
Grand Council Dues..... $62.00

SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL, No. 17. Springfield.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1852.

RALPH A. WORTHINGTON, - Thrice Ill. Master.
OLIVER H. ANDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 21.

Reinstated — 2.

Died —
Albert Eglinger, Andrew Hyle, Fred L. Leonard.

Withdrawn —
Charles H. Harbaugh, Harry E. Hedges.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Daniel Bruner, Albert A. Black, John P. Essex, Frank H. Hemstreet, Wayne M. Johnston, Floyd Routzhan, Luke L. Young, L. H. Pursell.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 237
Grand Council Dues..... $134.50

HAMILTON COUNCIL, No. 19. Hamilton.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, November 20, 1853.

CHARLES C. FALK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
W. A. SEWARD, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 15.

Reinstated — 9.

Died —
James C. Travis.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Ben. Harwitz, Walter E. Jones, Isador I. Maas, Jacob G. Reister, Granville R. Zecher.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 125
Grand Council Dues..... $99.50

LIMA COUNCIL, No. 20. Lima.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1854.

ALBERT J. GUSTASON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WALLACE LANDIS, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Reinstated — 5.

Died —

Francis Ashton, Thomas C. Calvert, Elias H. Johns, George R. Leist, Thomas J. Morris.

Withdrawn —

Harry H. Breem, Frank S. Gilbert.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

Russell L. Armstrong, Marshall Atmur, Melvin L. Allen, Ralph L. Bates, John H. Blattenberg, Herbert C. Campbell, Hugh Cameron, Cyrus D. Crites, Herman V. Chase, Henry J. Dean, Clarence H. Folsom, Walter E. Gray, Edward M. Gooding, Charles W. Herbst, Frank A. Hitchcock, Charles W. Lewis, Peter T. Mell, Edward J. Maire, Harry B. Pockmire, James N. Robertson., Charles S. Rockhill, Alonzo A. Scott, Charles M. Stoppard, Ira Thomas, Thomas E. Thompson, Seth S. Wheeler, Richard O. Woods.

Membership July 31, 1906 106
Grand Council Dues $58.00

MARION COUNCIL, No. 22. Marion.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1856.

EARL R. WILSON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 25.

Admitted — 1.

Died —

Charles R. Clark, Henry True.

Withdrawn —

Frank H. Marquis, Lawrence R. McIntyre, C. E. Robinson, Edmond M. Willitts, Samuel M. Ruffner.

Suspended, N. P. D. —

W. L. Alfele, John H. Shutt, Amos H. Wilson, Charles E. Wiley.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 248
Grand Council Dues..... $136.50

NORWALK COUNCIL, No. 24. Norwalk.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1857.

CHAUNCEY N. FRAZIER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN H. GROSS, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Died —

Eugene Smith, George R. Walker.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 53
Grand Council Dues..... $31.00

SANDUSKY CITY COUNCIL, No. 26. Sandusky.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1857.

ROBERT W. WORDEN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAY D. LEA, - - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 10.

Died —

Jacob Engleby, Alfred K. Janecki, James Partridge, Aug. Miller, B. W. Wilson.

Withdrawn —

Jay S. Bennet, Philip E. Milsen, Albert L. Sharpe, William J. Alfich.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 168
Grand Council Dues..... $89.00

MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 32. Gallipolis.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1859.

LEWIS B. SHAW, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN C. VANDEN, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 3.

Admitted — 1.

Reinstated — 1.

Withdrawn —
Edward E. Thomas.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 85
Grand Council Dues..... $44.50

TOLEDO COUNCIL, No. 33. Toledo.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1868.

GEORGE H. ALLEN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELDRED W. EASTELL, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 70.

Admitted — 3.

Reinstated — 4.

Died —
Henry G. Bunert, Charles M. Lang, Reuben C. Lemmon, Louis H. Pike.

Withdrawn —
Edmund Locke, Mert C. Robinson, Samuel O. Rothfuss.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
John W. Cherry, Thomas Davies, Lem P. Harris, Harry Hillman, William W. Jones, William D. Parks, William S. Rogers.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 508
Grand Council Dues..... $293.50

CANTON COUNCIL, No. 35. Canton.

Stated Assembly, fourth Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, January 31, 1866.

CHARLES DICKERHOF, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES SILVERMAN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 13.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
P. P. Bush, Edward O. Bell, Herman W. Herbst.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Samuel M. Anderson, George Blumenhauer, Ralph E. Harrington.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 177
Grand Council Dues..... $95.50

CLEVELAND COUNCIL, No. 36. Cleveland.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 7, 1865.

CHARLES EDGAR COLE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. MORRISON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 40.

Admitted — 1.
Brenton D. Babcock, William T. Davis, William Dorvais, John T. Gawne, Arthur K. A. Lisbich, Edward D. Pags, Louis Poplowsky, John E. Turner.

Withdrawn —
George E. Teller, Charles W. Somers.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Hal F. Bishop, John R. Chadwick, Charles A. Sarber, George H. Wilson.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 625
Grand Council Dues..... $332.50

HOCKHOCKING COUNCIL, No. 39. Logan.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

ANTHONY W. MAUK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. JAMES, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 2.

Died —
Z. Williams.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
George W. Berry, William Barthlon, Charles B. Graham, A. J. Laverty, George W. Lax, J. W. Miskill, Frank McManaway, A. L. Pritchard, W. J Steweart, W. B. Sisson, John Spray, William Wolfe.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 52
Grand Council Dues..... $27.00

CONNEAUT COUNCIL, No. 40. Conneaut.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

HARRY S. SCHALK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HUBERT D. PROSSER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 21.

Admitted — 1.

Died —
W. S. Bailey, J. E. Cohn, A. D. Eastman.

Withdrawn —
H. A. Belding, John Dickson.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 225
Grand Council Dues..... $123.00

LONDON COUNCIL, No. 41. London.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

CHARLES E. ARBUCKLE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE W. CLARK, - - - Recorder.

Reinstated —

J. R. Atchison, H. D. Bateman, Xerxes Farrar, Daniel T. Fox, E. R. Florence, John T. Vent.

Withdrawn —

E. R. Florence.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 41
Grand Council Dues..... $30.50

OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 44. Salem.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN G. AUGUSTINE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES C. SNYDER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 29

Admitted — 3.

Died —

O. T. Holloway.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 164
Grand Council Dues..... $95.50

BOSWORTH COUNCIL, No. 46. Pomeroy.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

EDWARD DAVIS, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. PARKER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Died —
Sidney P. Coe, Leonidas H. Lee, John H. Reuter.

Withdrawn —
John Gibbs, Lewis Paine.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
David C. Davis.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 72
Grand Council Dues..... $41.50

CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 47. Tiffin.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867

ASA M. HART, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
BENJAMIN F. COCKAYNE, - Recorder.

Advanced — 22.

Reinstated — 3.

Withdrawn —
W. T. DeWolfe.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Cyril Barbeau, Edgar F. Huffman, George A. Straw.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 95
Grand Council Dues..... $77.50

FINDLAY COUNCIL, No. 50. Findlay.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN A. GORE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
DAVID L. GRABLE, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 15.

Died —
Andrew Wiseman.

Withdrawn —
John J. Geghan.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Wilson McCreight, Clarendon B. Metcalf, William P. Wiseley.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 92
Grand Council Dues..... $53.50

BELMONT COUNCIL, No. 54. St. Clairsville.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, November 30, 1867.

C. W. CARROLL, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. B. MEYER, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 29.

Died —
Ross J. Alexander.

Withdrawn —
Harvey Webb.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
W. D. Baumgarner, B. R. Johnston.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 73
Grand Council Dues..... $51.00

OC-CO-NOX-EE COUNCIL, No. 55. Defiance.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1869.

RILEY W. WORTMAN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK J. PAPENHAGEN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Died —
Thomas Carr, Frank M. Hall, Neal Hardy, W. H. McClintock.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 130
Grand Council Dues..... $67.00

GEBAL COUNCIL, No.56. Uhrichsville.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, July 15, 1870.

LEWIS F. ROMIG, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
C. W. SHEPPARD, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 29.

Admitted — 1.

Reinstated — 17.

Died —
Frank W. Arthur.

Withdrawn —
H. B. Green.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
H. E. Boyer, W. H. Burns, R. W. Crawford, D. F. Frier, Richard Jones, W. E. Morey, F. R. McIntosh, O. L. Peter, D. M. People, L. B. Roney.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 142
Grand Council Dues..... $96.00

WARREN COUNCIL, No. 58. Warren.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

JAMES S. GILDARD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRED W. ADAMS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 27.

Died —

Edward J. Bubb, Christian Holscher, James M. Hull, John M. Stull.

Withdrawn —

Robert J. Bell.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 213
Grand Council Dues..... $119.50

URBANA COUNCIL, No. 59. Urbana.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

MARION R. TALBOT, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HORACE M. CROW, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Reinstated — 6.

Died —

Michael Galligher, James B. Johnson, A. C. Smith.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 96
Grand Council Dues..... $56.00

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 60. Circleville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1872.

JONATHAN R. FLORENCE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
STEPHEN L. GRIGSBY, - - Recorder.

..Advanced — 13.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Bennett H. Ater, William F. Hughey .

Withdrawn —
Lee M. Hammel, Lorenzo W. Lewis, Gus A. Schleyer.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 92
Grand Council Dues..... $54.50

FREMONT COUNCIL, No. 64. Fremont.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

W. S. LEWIS, - - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
H. S. DORR, - - - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 9.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Frederick Fabing, Isaac Strohl.

Withdrawn —
J. F. Farlie, P. W. Garn, James T. Petty.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 87
Grand Council Dues..... $53.00

KENTON COUNCIL, No. 65. Kenton.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

JOHN WILSON, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN E. RUBINS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 10.

Died —
William S. Robinson, George W. Rutledge, G. Sutermeister.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 135
Grand Council Dues..... $72.50

WAUSEON COUNCIL, No. 68. Wauseon.

Stated Assembly, first Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1879.

FRANK W. ZERMAN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK M. MOYER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Admitted — 1.

Died —
Jacob Bartlett.

Withdrawn —
George E. Turrill.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
J. Q. Files.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 112
Grand Council Dues..... $59.50

PUTNAM COUNCIL, No. 69. Ottawa.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each Month.
Date of Charter, March 31, 1879.

JOHN W. BROWN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN T. MAIDLOW, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 14.

Admitted — 1.

Reinstated — 3.

Died —
Frank Ewing, W. C. G. Krauss.

Withdrawn —
A. C. Hauck, L. D. Wilcox.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 119
Grand Council Dues..... $85.00

SIDNEY COUNCIL, No. 70. Sidney.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 30, 1882.

ALBERT W. REDDISH, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JESSE C. WILSON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Reinstated — 3.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Milton S. Barber, Edwin A. Ferree, James D. Geyer, Miron E. Hard, Ernest L. Kraft.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 89
Grand Council Dues..... $55.00

TROWEL COUNCIL, No. 71. Jackson.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 7, 1885.

H. CLAY MURFIN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
DANIEL J. HERBERT, - - - Recorder pro tem.

Advanced — 5.

Withdrawn —
Ralph L. Ervin, James R. Knighton.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 125
Grand Council Dues..... $65.00

DELPHOS COUNCIL, No. 72. Delphos.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 20, 1890.

JULIAN E. FAST, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
F. O. BROTHERTON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 17.

Reinstated — 5.

Died —
William F. Mills.

Withdrawn —
Isaac Ludwig, R. D. Ludwig, C. W. Moots, Robert Taft.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 72
Grand Council Dues..... $55.00

VAN WERT COUNCIL, No. 73. Van Wert.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

ROBERT J. CAVETTE, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ISMA H. MALICK, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 6.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Horace D. Heistand.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Samuel M. Baxter, James H. Banta, Andrew P. Comm, Garrette Mercer, George L. McKibben, J. O. Schuyler.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 130
Grand Council Dues..... $68.50

GUERNSEY COUNCIL, No. 74. Cambridge.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

JOSEPH M. WOOD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Louis H. Davis, James W. Grimes, A. J. Longfellow, A. J. McCullough, A. H. Thomas.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 81
Grand Council Dues..... $49.50

NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL, No. 75. New Lexington.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

HERMAN F. ACKER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES F. MCMAHON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 12.

Admitted —1.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Benjamin A. Stubbins.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 101
Grand Council Dues..... $59.50

KINSMAN COUNCIL, No. 76. Mt. Vernon.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1892.

BANNER M. ALLEN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
SAMUEL H. PETERMAN, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 17.

Withdrawn —
John K. Baxter, Thomas W. Wark.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Noah W. Allen, Samuel M. Reynolds.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 151
Grand Council Dues..... $84.00

WYOMING COUNCIL, No. 77. Wyoming.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1893.

ALBERT K. MURRAY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
LESLIE WEBB, - - - - - Recorder.

Reinstated —
John F. Hinds.

Died —
William H. Burtner.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
C. G. Keeley.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 51
Grand Council Dues..... $26.00

MARIETTA COUNCIL, No. 78. Marietta.

Stated Assembly, fourth Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1893.

HERMAN E. CARLTON, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
A. W. TOMPKINS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 18.

Reinstated — 3.

Died —
Fred S. Payne.

Withdrawn —
Joseph W. Sturgiss.

Membership July 31, 1906.....
Grand Council Dues..... $85.50

SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 79. Portsmouth.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 22, 1894.

ANDREW J. FULLER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE PADAN, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 42.

Admitted — 1.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Samuel S. Bierly.

Withdrawn —
Albert C. Streich.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 143
Grand Council Dues..... $95.00

AKRON COUNCIL, No. 80. Akron.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

ROBERT B. WILSON, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM E. WAUGH, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 36.

Admitted — 2.

Reinstated — 1.

Died —
Richard P. Marvin.

Withdrawn —
William E. Langdon.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Edward Miller.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 145
Grand Council Dues..... $92.00

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL, No. 81. St. Mary's.

Stated Assembly, second and fourth Fridays each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

VALANDINGHAM BODEY, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. HENDERSON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 8.

Died —
John H. Boysel.

Withdrawn —
D. T. Bennett, H. G. Heinisch, L. L. Loeser, J. D. Simkins.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 80
Grand Council Dues..... $44.00

BELLEVUE COUNCIL, No. 82. Bellevue.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 25, 1898.

FRANK P. HALE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES MATZ, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 7.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 77
Grand Council Dues..... $42.00

GWYNN COUNCIL, No. 83. Bucyrus.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1898.

ROBERT VINCENT VAUGHAN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
DONALD B. COOPER, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 11.

Admitted — 1.

Died —
John Blyth.

Withdrawn —
Harrison M. Alvord, Richard C. Chase, Samuel J. Colwell, Clarence B. Irvine, Fred. S. Jones, William H. G. Kegg, Edward H. Lindsay, Edgar C. Marshall, Peter C. Miller, Charles Niman, Efflo B. Proctor, George W. Sting, John Weil.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Jonas C. Grove, Otho L. Hayes.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 119
Grand Council Dues..... $65.00

DELAWARE COUNCIL. No. 84. Delaware.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 9, 1900.

J. LEO SPERLING, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM M. SEMANS, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 19.

Died —
Michael J. Ahern, Samuel J. Harrison, John W. Siegfried, Louis Welch.

Withdrawn —
Albert J. Horn, George F. Tuning.

Expelled —
Horace A. Stolser.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 102
Grand Council Dues..... $60.50

LOGAN COUNCIL, No. 85. Bellefontaine.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 24, 1901.

WILLIAM E. SLOAN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN W. THATCHER, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 10.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 105
Grand Council Dues..... $57.50

ELYRIA COUNCIL, No. 86. Elyria.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

JAMES C. SMITH, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. MAPES, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 17.

Died —
John G. Bans.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 101
Grand Council Dues..... $59.00

BELLAIRE COUNCIL, No. 87. Bellaire.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

WILLIAM G. GIESSEN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILL DAUGHERTY, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 20.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 97
Grand Council Dues..... $58.50

LANCASTER COUNCIL, No. 88. Lancaster.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

FRED L. MAUGER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHAUNCEY W. MATTHEWS, - Recorder.

Advanced — 2.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 89
Grand Council Dues..... $45.50

S. S. JEWEL COUNCIL, No. 89. Marysville.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1903.

LUTRELLE HENDERSON, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. HAMILTON, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Suspended, N. P. D. —
Albert S. Clucker.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 34
Grand Council Dues..... $19.00

FOSTORIA COUNCIL, No. 90. Fostoria.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

ANDREW E. MERGENTHALER, - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES E. DAVIS, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 13.

Died —
Charles Olmstead.

Withdrawn —
R. W. Hendershot.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 77
Grand Council Dues..... $45.00

MATCHETTE COUNCIL, No. 91. Greenville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

DR. S. A. HAWES, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE A. KATZENBERGER, - Recorder.

Advanced — 5.

Withdrawn —
Dr. W. D. Cole.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 36
Grand Council Dues..... $20.50

OHIO COUNCIL, No. 92. Ironton.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 3, 1905.

JAMES D. FOSTER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALFRED ROBINSON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 4.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 40
Grand Council Dues..... $22.00

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL, No. 93. Piqua.

Stated Assembly, fourth Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 3, 1905.

R. D. BURNHAM, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. R. MILES, - - - - Recorder.

Advanced — 17.

Died —
John W. Morris.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 82
Grand Council Dues..... $49.50

MANSFIELD COUNCIL, No. 94. Mansfield.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 3, 1905.

FRANK H. MARQUIS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRISON M. ALVORD, - - Recorder.

Advanced — 69.

Admitted — 18.

Membership July 31, 1906..... 140
Grand Council Dues..... $104.50

WRIGHT COUNCIL U. D. Xenia.

Stated Assembly, first Monday each month.
Date of Dispensation, April 2, 1906.

LEWIS H. WHITEMAN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WATKINS FRAME, - - - Recorder.

Charter Members — 38.

Grand Council Dues..... $35.50

KERAMOS COUNCIL U. D. East Liverpool.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Dispensation, April 18, 1906.

JOSEPH T. CROXALL, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN STRAMM, - - - - Recorder.

Charter Members — 21.

Grand Council Dues..... $16.50

BARNESVILLE COUNCIL U. D. Barnesville.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Dispensation, August 18, 1906.

ANDREW J. BAGGS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. KEMP, - - - Recorder.

Charter Members — 34.

UPPER SANDUSKY COUNCIL U. D. Upper Sandusky.

Stated Assembly ————————
Date of Dispensation, ———————— 1906.

JACOB W. BYERS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ADOLPH BILLHARDT, - - - Recorder.

Charter Members — 32.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE

Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

BY

NELSON WILLIAMS

M. W. Past Grand Master F. & A. M.

M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest R. A. M.

and M. Ill. Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Ohio,

Chairman of Committee.

CHILLICOTHE, O.

1906.

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To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, after much effort, has brought forth the following report which is submitted for what it is worth, but which we feel is not worth very much. After our first year's journey over the field of Correspondence we are of the opinion that constant travel along these lines, even though it be over beaten paths, is of great advantage to the reviewer. However, there must be a beginning somewhere, and while this may be both beginning and end of our reportorial labors, yet, we feel that the experience has been of much benefit to us. We are sure that it has been quite a pleasant experience.

The proceedings reviewed are as follows:

Alabama	1905	Mississippi	1906
Arkansas	1905	Missouri	1906
Colorado	1905	Nebraska	1905
Georgia	1906	New Hampshire	1905
Illinois	1905	New York	1905
Indiana	1905	North Carolina	1905-6
Indian Territory	1906	Oregon	1906
Iowa	1905	Pennsylvania	1906
Kansas	1906	South Carolina	1906
Kentucky	1905	Tennessee	1906
Maine	1905	Vermont	1905-6
Massachusetts	1905	Washington	1905
Michigan	1906	Wisconsin	1906
Minnesota	1905		

ALABAMA, 1905.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery on December 4th, 1905, Companion Jacob D. Bloch, Most Illustrious Grand Master presiding. There are seven chartered Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction and one Council working under dispensation, all of which were represented at this Grand Assembly. The report made as to the progress of the work during the preceding year shows a net gain of 16 and a total membership of 373. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hands of $338.38.

The Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction reports that the general condition of the Grand Council continues to improve, and regrets that he had not accomplished all that he had expected to during the year. He says

"It should be a pride to every Cryptic Mason in Alabama to see the renewed interest manifested, for indeed these beautiful and sublime degrees should not and *must* not be neglected, for the inquiring mind must realize and know that Cryptic Masonry is the key that unlocks the door to the hidden mysteries and sciences of our rite."

He granted seven Dispensations to receive petitions and ballot out of statutory time. He says they were all granted for "good cause shown" but fails in each instance to state what that good cause was. He issued a Dispensation to "re-organize" one Council. We do not quite understand what is meant by reorganizing a Council under Dispensation. If the Charter has been arrested surrendered the council is dead and cannot be re-organized. If the Council is in fact dead and its Charter has not been arrested or surrender, it cannot be brought to life by a Dispensation. We presume that what they in fact do in Alabama is to issue a Dispensation for a new Council, giving it the name and number of some former Council at the same place.

The Grand Master repeats his former recommendation that a Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed, but we notice that the Grand Council did not concur in his recommendation, giving as a reason that it would incur too great an expense on the Grand Council. The Grand Council showed its good judgment

and fraternal spirit by the adoption of a resolution rescinding its former resolution adopted in 1888, severing its connection with the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and resuming its former connection with the General Grand Council.

M. Ill. Companion Jacob D. Bloch the representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was in attendance.

There is of course no Foreign Correspondence report, and there is not likely to be for sometime unless somebody replenishes the exchequer.

Ben M. Jacobs of Birmingham was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and George A. Beauchamp of Montgomery was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Montgomery on Monday before the first Tuesday in December, 1906.

ARKANSAS, 1905.

The forty-third Annual Assembly of the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock on November 24th, 1905. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Nick Kizer presided and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Captain of the Guard, were in their respective stations. 7 Subordinate Councils out of 14 in the State, were represented, and the report of the Grand Recorder is based upon the returns from these seven Councils which he says show a net gain of 22 and a total membership in the State of 309. 5 Past Grand Masters were in attendance but Ill. Comp. Edgar E. Bryant of Ft. Smith, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not present so far as shown by the proceedings. The Committee on Grand Recorder's and Treasurer's books reported a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $230.50.

The Grand Master in his address reports that the duties of his office have been light and that therefore his report is brief. He recommended the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the financial condition of the Grand Council was such that

no review on Foreign Correspondence could be published at the present time, and this report was concurred in by the Grand Council.

The proceedings contain half-tone cuts of M. Ill. Comp. Peter Brickey and S. D. Dodge, and of the Albert Pike Home now used by the Scottish Rite Bodies of Little Rock.

After the holding of this Annual Assembly, and before the proceedings thereof were printed, this Grand Council sustained a great loss in the death of M. Ill. Comp. Samuel Delano Dodge, a Past Grand Master, who died in Little Rock on January 10th, 1906, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Having no reports in Foreign Correspondence, Rt. Ill. Comp. Fay Homestead, Grand Recorder, and an indefatigable worker in any kind of Masonic harness, and whether driven double, tandem, or single, furnishes of his own volition a number of interesting notes which he has gleaned from the reports of Companions Warvelle of Illinois, Grant of Kentucky and Alton of Michigan.

M. Ill. Comp. Peter Brickey of Marianna was elected Grand Master and Rt. Ill. Comp. Fay Hempstead was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Little Rock on November 23rd, 1906.

COLORADO, 1905.

The Grand Council of Colorado held its eleventh Annual Assembly in the city of Denver on September 20th, 1905, with M. Ill. Comp. Myer S. Rafield, Grand Master, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers in their stations. All of the Subordinate Councils of the state, being 10 in number, were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Officers. The Grand Recorder's report shows a net gain for the year of 13 and a total membership of 498. 6 Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 19 other Jurisdictions, were in attendance, among the number being M. Ill. Comp. John Humphreys of Trinidad, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $805.75.

The address of the Grand Master is a statement in detail of his official acts during the year. He constituted Tyrian Council No. 11 at Idaho Springs and expresses the belief that it will be an honor to Cryptic Masonry in Colorado. He issued a circular letter to Subordinate Councils which has the true ring in it, and in which he urges renewed energy and zeal upon the part of the Companions in an effort to place the beautiful work of the degrees amongst the foremost in Masonic Ritualism. He recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer and that jewels and aprons for the Grand Officers be procured. In conclusion he makes the mistake, as we believe, of urging that the Cryptic Degrees should be made compulsory for advancement.

The proceedings are in the shape of a nicely bound pamphlet of 48 pages showing careful attention to detail on the part of the Grand Recorder.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. George A. Reese of Trinidad was elected Grand Master and Rt. Ill. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster of Denver was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held under the provisions of the constitution on Wednesday evening September 19th, 1906, in the City of Denver.

GEORGIA, 1906.

The Sixty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia was held in the city of Macon on April 24th, 1906 with M. Ill. Grand Master L. W. Burkett presiding, and 8 other grand officers present. The Grand Council was opened in ample form. 22 out of the 31 Chartered Councils in the state were represented. Three Past Grand Masters and representatives from 24 other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance. Our genial friend M. Ill. Comp. Robert L. Colding of Savannah, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was present. We wonder if "Bob" ever misses anything.

The report of the Committee of Finance shows a balance in the Treasury of $431.90.

The address of the M. Ill. Grand Master is a concise statement of his official acts during the year. He reports the death of the Grand Chaplain of that Jurisdiction, Companion J. J. Hyman, and says of him that he was not only a shining mark in the church, but in Masonry as well. He reports the arresting of the Charter of one Council, and the "reorganization" of another, whatever that may mean. He held that a Council can only be represented at the Assemblies of the Grand Council, in the absence of its three first officers, by a Past Thrice Illustrious Master. We can think of no good reason for such a decision, but it is probably in accord with some law of that Jurisdiction, as it was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. He speaks in glowing terms of the Masonic Home and recommends an appropriation for its maintenance. He feelingly refers to the San Francisco disaster, and recommends an appropriation, which was made.

In closing he pays a beautiful tribute to Freemasonry in the following language:

"While I yield the 'palm of oratory', there is one thing that I yield to no man, and that is my love and zeal for Masonry. An institution which throws it protecting care around the poor and needy, no matter from what clime he may come; an institution in whose temples the "weather beaten mariner on Life's stormy ocean" finds a protecting harbor, within whose walls the son of wretchedness is sheltered from the swelling tide of bereaving sorrow, where he may seek, and seeking, find a solace in his afflictions, although deserted by a pitiless world; an institution that enters the heart and implants therein a love for the virtues, the charities and the graces of life."

There is no correspondence report.

Thomas F. Moody of Cuthbert was elected Grand Master, and W. A. Wolihin of Macon was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Asembly will be held in the City of Macon on April 23rd, 1907.

ILLINOIS, 1905.

The fifty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Chicago on October 25th, 1905 with all of the Grand Officers present. Thirty-eight out of the forty-five working Councils in the state were represented and the Grand

Council was opened in ample form with M. Ill. Companion C. W. Hollandsworth presiding. Representatives from twenty-three other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance among whom was George W. Curtiss of Peoria the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council. To show that their interest in Cryptic Masonry had not abated, fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The net gain in membership during the past year was 364 and the total membership 4335. The treasurer reported a balance in his hands of $1845.20 of which $531.18 was immediately appropriated for the payment of various salaries and expenses. A fine portrait of the newly elected Grand Master faces the title page of the proceedings which, with the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence make up a pamphlet of 126 pages.

The Grand Master reports the division of the state into nine arches which is the plan we have adopted in Ohio, but they go farther and require reports from the Companions in charge of the arches to be made quarterly to the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer.

He appointed Illustrious Companion Chester S. Gurney to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Archibald McLellan, Grand Steward. He reports that during the year he was called upon to make no decisions and thinks that therefore the Companions are dwelling together in peace and unity. On the condition of the Rite he says:

"Reports received from the Grand Lecturer and Companions in charge of the Arches, show that we have made a substantial increase in membership during the past year. The strong and active Councils have grown in strength, some of them showing large gains, and although the accessions throughout the state have not been as large as hoped for, the year has been a profitable and successful one and the prospects for the future are bright, nearly all the active Councils reporting plenty of work in sight and much enthusiasm manifested."

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented by Ill. Companion George W. Warvelle, Past Grand Master, to the retiring Grand Master.

The newly elected Grand Master before closing the Grand

Council, expressed his appreciation of the high honor conferred upon him, and among other things said:—

"Let us take as a watchword for the year that Royal Arch Masons should all become Royal and Select Masters. The proportion of Council members should approximate more closely the total membership in our Chapters, but, not being compelled to pass the Circle they neglect it and wait to be invited. When they finally take our degrees they almost invariably thank us for the invitation, and are delighted with what they see and hear."

M. Ill. Companion George W. Warvelle presents his fourteenth consecutive annual report on Correspondence. In past years we have had the occasional pleasure of reading the bright and spicy reports of this Companion who never hesitates to say what he thinks, and who seems to be able to think without much effort. He does not seem to have much use for reviewers who pad their reports with statistics, and we regret that we reserved the Illinois proceedings for one of our last reviews, because we have worked in our report a vast amount of statistical information which we presume ought not to be there. But we can't eliminate it now. and, after all, Companion Warvelle is candid enough to admit that he is sometimes wrong in his opinion. We however reserve the right to a seat in his band wagon if we should hereafter conclude that this is one of the times when he is not wrong.

He reviews in a very refreshing manner 37 proceedings of 34 Grand Councils, Ohio for 1904 being among the number.

He says Ohio is improving in many ways. Yes, we are still in the improvement business, but we have now reached a point where the business henceforth must be light. He does not seem to understand what "Cryptic Grand Honors" are, and calls for an explanation. Well, Comp. Warvelle, this is one of the things that can be illustrated or demonstrated better than it can be explained, and if you will run over to Columbus next year, you will understand, when we get through with you, what "Cryptic Grand Honors" are.

He pays Comp. Cunningham the compliment of saying that his report, like everything that comes from his pen, is a good one. He closes his review with some very interesting and instructive remarks under the headings "Promotion and Publicity", "Historical Notes", "What does it mean", and "Prerequisition."

In his conclusion he says:—

"That which most attracts attention is the rapid gait at which Ohio seems to be traveling. As stated in last year's report it now stands at the head of the line, and if it shall continue to maintain its present pace it will always stay there."

What will he say about our pace when he reads our last report showing a gain of 900 last year?

Comp. Raymond L. Leonard of Chicago was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Ill. Comp. Gil W. Barnard of Chicago was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Geo. W. Warvelle is continued as the Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Chicago on October 24th, 1906.

INDIANA, 1905.

This Grand Council convened in its fiftieth Annual Assembly in the city of Indianapolis on October 17th, 1905, the M. Ill. Grand Master Robert B. Whitsett, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers in their stations. Representatives from 54 of the 58 Chartered Councils being present, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Much interest attached to this meeting from the fact that it was the semi-centennial of the organization of this Grand Council, and it had been arranged to properly observe the event. The printed proceedings of this Annual Assembly are before us in a neatly prepared volume of 191 pages, of which 41 pages are devoted to portraits of present and past Grand Masters from the organization of the Grand Council down to the present time. There were seventeen Past Grand Masters in attendance as well as the Representatives from twenty-five other Grand Jurisdictions. We fail to find the name of Ill. Comp. Simeon P. Gillett of Evansville, the Grand Representative from Ohio near the Grand Council of Indiana, in the list of those who were in attendance.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 434 during the year, and a total membership of 4199. He says:

"The fiftieth year of the existence of the Grand Council of Indiana, finds us in splendid condition financially and numer-

ically, with much interest and zeal manifested by the Subordinate Councils."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance in his hands of $2399.19 on October 14th, 1905.

The address of the Grand Master is a plain, common sense statement of his official acts during the year. He says in an opening paragraph:

"This is a year of abundance in everything essential to man, and our beloved State has enjoyed the common prosperity. The beautiful Rite has grown much stronger in all her lines. The secrets of the Crypt have been unfolded to a greater number of sterling Masons than in the course of any year since we were organized in 1855."

He reported the constitution, either by himself or proxy, of the Councils receiving Charters at the last Annual Assembly, and the issuing of Dispensations for four new Councils. He refused a Dispensation to a Subordinate Council to remove from its old hall to a new Temple in the same city, holding that the permission of the Grand Master is not necessary in such a case where the jurisdictional lines are not interfered with.

He granted Dispensations to two Councils to receive petitions at special Assemblies, and gives as his reason that they were clearly cases of emergency. We submit, however, that the facts he furnishes hardly make them "cases of emergency." He required that all the members be notified of the meetings, and the purpose for which they were called, and this helps the matter somewhat. If we understand him correctly they have a law in Indiana which requires "a heavy quorum of actual members to transact any business." If this were the law in Ohio, there would be but few meetings where business could be transacted, for it would be difficult for our large Councils, numbering into the hundreds, to secure the attendance of even a bare quorum, let alone a heavy quorum, of actual members. The Grand Master strongly recommended a reduction of the dues, or per capita, which the Grand Council exacts from her constituent Councils, but his recommendation was not concurred in by the Grand Council.

He mildly rebukes the lazy Master who fails to answer letters promptly, as follows:

"There are quite a few of you Masters who are using a brand of

unity to 'dwell together in' that isn't advertised in any of the periodicals I read, and I do not understand why you use it in this fraternity to worry your co-laborers, and some one ought to tell you that solicitous letters from your Grand Master demand a prompt and courteous answer from you."

In closing he says:

"The confidence you give the men you honor is a rare joy. How beautiful it is to see choice men put aside other calls, and with the Companions of their choice, turn to a meeting place, renew the friendship that really binds hearts — binds all hearts in common; binds them in a trustfulness unknown in the daily grind of sordid life."

The ceremonies of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Council of Indiana, which took place on the evening of October 17th in Grand Lodge Hall, was certainly well arranged and well conducted. The addresses were made by men all of whom are prominent in the York Rite of Masonry in that state, and were each and all entertaining and instructive. From one of the addresses we learn that the first Dispensations for Councils in Indiana, were issued by Most Puissant Grand Master John M. Barrere of Ohio, to Companions at Indianapolis and Shelbyville, respectively.

Illustrious Companion Henry Mordhurst presents his sixteenth Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Councils, three of them for two years.

Ohio for 1904 receives courteous mention, and the Reviewer quotes largely from the Report of the Obituary Committee on the death of Companion S. Stacker Williams, and from Comp. Cunningham's Report on Correspondence. M. Ill. Comp. Cyrus Cline of Angola, was elected Grand Master and Rt. Ill Comp. Calvin W. Prather of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Indianapolis on October 16th, 1906.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1906.

The Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory and Oklahoma was held in the Masonic Hall at Ada, Indian Territory on April 18th, 1906, and was opened in ample form with M. Ill.

Companion William, Henry Essex, Grand Master, presiding and ten of the Grand Officers in their stations. There are nine working Chartered Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction and two Councils under Dispensation. Nine Councils were represented at this Grand Assembly. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of seventy-seven during the last year and a total membership of 260. From the figures given we are unable to make the total membership over 248. Representatives were present from ten other Grand Jurisdictions, among the number being M. Ill. Companion W. L. Eagleton of Pawnee, Ohio's Grand Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, in his address reports that cordial and fraternal relations exist with all foreign Jurisdictions, and that peace and harmony prevail within their own. He seems to be a very conscientious Companion and is satisfied that he has fallen far short of the standard set by his predecessors, in fact he pleads guilty to neglect of duty. Well, here is candor and modesty galore, but his admission is hard to explain on the ground that he is possessed of even a super-abundance of modesty, for a man would hardly be so excessively modest as to confess the crime of horse stealing unless he actually stole the "hoss." However, it is refreshing to find an occasional Grand Master who is willing to admit that he is not the whole "procession." This Grand Master granted Dispensations for two new Councils, one at Ardmore and one at Durant. The reports made to the Grand Council by these Councils U. D. show that no mistake was made in granting the Dispensations. He granted several special Dispensations to receive petitions, ballot thereon and confer degrees out of time, and gives the following as his reason therefor:

"I find that Cryptic Rite Masonry is very inactive, and practically dormant, almost over the entire Jurisdiction, and for that reason I have granted every Dispensation asked for, and called them 'good and sufficient' reasons."

During the work of the Grand Assembly word was received of the terrible earthquake and destruction at San Francisco, and business was suspended by common consent while the Companions mingled their sympathies and regrets.

There is no report on correspondence.

Charles C. Kneisley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Joseph S. Murrow of Atoka was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held at El Reno, Oklahoma, following the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

IOWA, 1905.

This Grand Council held its Sixth Annual Assembly at Iowa City on September 27th, 1905, with Comp. George R. Turner, M. Ill. Grand Master presiding, and all other Grand Officers except one in their stations. Fifteen of the twenty-two Subordinate Councils of the State were represented. Three Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as well as the Grand Representatives from sixteen other Grand Jurisdictions. There seems to be a vacancy in the office of Grand Representative from Ohio.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 117, and a total membership of one thousand. The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hands of $1,326.70.

A fine engraved portrait of the Grand Master introduces us to the neatly printed proceedings of 100 pages. Companion Alf Wingate, besides being a good fellow, and knowing how to make others happy, knows how to get good work out of the printer.

The Grand Master presents an address covering a dozen pages of the record in which he reports his official acts during the year. He seems to be one of the thinking Masons, and introduces his address with a number of interesting paragraphs. In speaking of the time-honored institution of Freemasonry he says:

"It is in all respects unique. It draws and inculcates beautiful lessons from both analogy and contrariety; from matters equivalent and having like power and import, and from matters altogether discrepant, and inconsistent as well. It abhors darkness and makes of it a symbol of ignorance and error. It glorifies light and makes of it a symbol of enlightenment and truth. Yet, strange anomaly, out of the darkness of the secret vault, it emanates and radiates no less a 'light' than the tangible blessedness of friendship; that sentiment of esteem, respect, and affection proceeding from familiar acquaintance which developes favorable opinion of estimable qualities and relations of intimacy that unite to form ties that time will ever strengthen and eternity will not sever."

He pays a glowing tribute to the memory of M. Ill. Comp. Almon R. Dewey, Past Grand Master, who died on April 15th, 1905. Those of us who knew this dearly beloved Companion, can testify to his sterling worth and honor as a man and Mason.

He reports the constitution of two new Councils to which Charters had been granted, and the surrender by one Council of its Charter. Some question having arisen as to the distribution of the Super-Excellent Ritual, he directed that the same be placed in every Council in the state, which we believe is right. He says of this degree that it is largely a dead letter in Iowa, and suggests that some one be authorized to visit the various Councils, giving instructions and if necessary, communicating the degree. This might bring the desired result, but we suggest that you make it obligatory on the Subordinate Councils to confer the degree at least once a year, eliminating all "horse-play", and bringing out its real beauties, and then watch the result.

The Correspondence Report is from the pen of our good friend and Companion, William F. Cleveland, and is his fourth report, in which he reviews forty-three Annual Proceedings of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions. Ohio for 1904 is given two pages of review and gets off without a word of criticism. Companion Cleveland does go after our predecessor, Comp. Cunningham, on the question of whether we did or did not do something way back about war times, but having, as he believed, spiked the guns of Companion Cunningham by publishing the "record" on him, he generously proposes to bury the hatchet, presumably because he had no further use for the hatchet.

But, Companion Cleveland, why did you not publish the whole record? It is probably true as you say that the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, wrote the letter on February 21st, 1865, (not 1866) which you set out in your review. But we question whether this letter "resulted in the sowing of the seed of discord", which you say forced your Grand Council to "yield up the ghost", for on March 23rd, 1865, only twenty-two days later, the Companion addressed answered said letter as follows:

"IOWA CITY, March 23rd, 1865.

"DEAR SIR AND COMPANION — I have delayed an answer to your communication of the 21st of February, that I might com-

municate with several eminent Masons of our State, and now, having so done, I am prepared to say that our Grand Council will disband, provided all other Grand Councils will do the same. The fact is, we are compelled to form a Grand Council in self-defense. Previous to the formation of our Grand Council the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred by the Chapters, but we were not recognized as Council Masons by any sister states; therefore we were compelled to go through a process of healing, and to organize a Grand Council and Subordinates. We are of the opinion that a Grand Council is like the fifth wheel of a wagon — entirely useless.

"With much respect, I remain."

Now, either the "seed of discord" which you say our Grand Master sowed in your cabbage patch, was mighty well sprouted, or you had wonderfully fertile soil, for twenty-two days is a short time to breed discord in a great jurisdiction like yours, and especially so in the war times before we had perfected telegraph and telephone systems, fast mails and limited trains.

We are now willing, Companion Cleveland, that you bury the hatchet, and when we meet again, while renewing our pledges of friendship over a glass of lemonade, we will unite our best thought in an earnest endeavor to promote the best interests of Cryptic Masonry in our respective jurisdictions.

Companion Amos N. Alberson of Washington, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Alf Wingate of Des Moines, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Marshalltown during the first week in October 1906.

KANSAS, 1906.

The Grand Council of Kansas convened in its thirty-eighth Annual Assembly in the city of Topeka on February 19th, 1906, M. Ill. Comp. Charles J. Webb, presiding as Grand Master, and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, in their stations. Representatives from nine of the ten Subordinate Councils of the State, eleven Past Grand Masters, twenty-three Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, and Grand Representatives from twenty-eight other Grand Jurisdictions, together with a number of Companions without rank, official honor or authority, were present, and after

prayer by the Grand Chaplain pro tempore, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. The proceedings are before us in a neat pamphlet of eighty pages, with a fine portrait of M. Ill. Comp. Webb facing the title page. One of the first things to attract our attention is the mention made of the reception and welcome tendered to Rt. Ill. Comp. George P. Conner, now the Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas near our own Grand Council, but formerly a resident of that state. Comp. Shaver says that Comp. George P. "demonstrated" that he was still the enthusiastic Cryptic worker as of yore. Well, having had occasion to inspect the work of Comp. Conner's Council, we are prepared to testify to his enthusiasm, and also to his ability and willingness to demonstrate.

The report of the Grand Recorder is not very encouraging in tone. But 51 Companions in all were greeted during the year, and the net gain is but three.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of $841.03.

The address of M. Ill. Grand Master Webb is a pleasing paper of but little more than two pages. He plainly indicates that he is not entirely satisfied with the work of the year in that Jurisdiction, and leaves the impression that he believes the cause is the fact that the Cryptic Degrees are not pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple. He is, however, opposed to the pre-requisite idea. On this point he says:

"We cannot even expect to secure for our Rite other than the patronage of those loyal and zealous Companions who are not attracted by the glamour of the multiplicity of degrees; wherefore, it is not only unwise, but beneath the dignity and importance of the Rite, either to complain of conditions existing in Kansas at the present time, or to urge measures which might require those seeking Masonic light to pass through the circle of the Cryptic Rite before attaining that which they seek. The true lover of the rite must be a patron of our art as found within the Secret Vault. The Cryptic Degrees have lived longer than other Degrees which many of us possess, and which have claimed consideration at the hands of petitioners through more spectacular, commercial and thrifty processes than those which ordinarily obtain in the realm of Cryptic Masonry".

No matters were referred to either the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, or Jurisprudence.

The Correspondence Report is from the pen of Rt. Ill. Comp. William M. Shaver and is his eighth report. He reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils.

Ohio for 1905, has a pleasing and courteous review. He pays the writer of this report the compliment of publishing the little poem with which he introduced his address as Grand Master at Springfield. But how in the world did you get that "B" in our name Comp. Shaver? We disclaim it. We may sometime have had a "bee in our bonnet", but never a "B" in our name. You were probably thinking of Boston, or Bestor Brown, but you should remember that the initial stands as well for Boodler, Booze or Blockhead.

In closing his report the Reviewer says:

"There is nothing new or startling. With a few notable exceptions, the Councils are doing as we do in Kansas, sleeping peacefully; sixteen of the Grand Councils report over 100 greeted, ten of these over 200, six over 500, and one, Ohio, leads with 830. Possibly an earthquake would be a blessing".

Following this report, there is a very complete table of the latest Cryptic Statistics which is compiled by Comp. Shaver, as Grand Recorder, and not as Chairman of the Committee.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles S. Bixby of Osawatomie was elected Grand Master and Rt. Ill. Comp. William M. Shaver was re-elected Grand Recorder. He is also Chairman of the Correspondence Committee again.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Wichita on February 18th, 1907.

KENTUCKY, 1905.

This is one of the "Sovereign Grand Councils", and if we mistake not they prefer to have considerable emphasis put upon the word "Sovereign". Well, we are willing to write it in italics or even in small caps. They are about three years older than we are, and this entitles them to be called by any old name they choose. Then, we learn from the Correspondence Report, that they are the father (or is it mother) of Illinois, which is another "Sovereign Grand Council", and as we have the father (or mother) and the son, — the North and the South, — joining hands on this "State

Sovereignty" question, surely no one ought to object to their fealty to Sovereignty.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council convened in Louisville on October 16th, 1905, and was opened in Ample Form. M. Ill. Grand Master Joseph H. Ewalt presided and all the other Grand Officers except the Grand Captain of the Guard, were present. They have in old Kentucky 23 Chartered Councils and 6 Councils are under Dispensation, and representatives from 14 of these were in attendance.

The net gain for the year, as shown by the Grand Recorder's Report, was 101, and the total membership 1190. The total resources were $658.92. Ohio's Grand Representative, M. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Fisk was not present. The Grand Master in his address pays a tribute to the excellence and worth of their deceased Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. Past Grand Master William Ryan, who died on November 13th, 1904, and reports the appointment of his successor in the person of M. Ill. Comp. Frank H. Johnson, who is also a Past Grand Master. He directed the Grand Recorder to prepare a pamphlet containing the constitution and approved decisions, which the Grand Recorder did, and gave to it the name of "Pandect". We thought Justinian had copyrighted this title in the long ago. He issued commissions to three Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions, and recommended the appointment of Companions of their own Jurisdiction as Grand Representatives from fourteen other Grand Jurisdictions. He arrested the Charter of one Council, issued Dispensations for six new Councils, and a like number to old Councils to resume labor. They seem to have a way in Kentucky of allowing inactive Councils to remain on the rolls until they become so weak and debilitated that they cannot feed themselves, in other words cannot get a quorum so they can take in new members, and then the Grand Master gives them a dose of croton oil in the shape of a special Dispensation to get busy, and they get busy. In the case reported the Grand Master helped matters along by picking up six Royal Arch Masons, and making them Royal and Select Masters *at sight*, constituting them members of the particular Council which was being resuscitated, so as to make a quorum, and then restoring the Charter. How could the Grand Master restore the Charter? If

it had been surrendered or arrested, it was the property of the Grand Council, especially after the action had been reported to and approved by the Grand Council, and if the Charter had not been surrendered or arrested, it was already in possession of the Subordinate Council and could not be restored to it; that is it could not be legally done in Ohio, but it seems that it can in Kentucky, as the action of the Grand Master was approved on the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee. In this connection it is interesting to read Comp. Grant's comments on the giving of too much power to Grand Masters, but he certainly makes a bad guess when he assumes that the Grand Masters of Constituent Grand Councils have greater authority than those of Sovereign Grand Councils. Comp. Ewalt surely exercised an abundance of authority in granting Dispensations to old Councils to resume labor and in what he did to assist them in resuming. He also recommends that the further power be given Grand Masters to permit Subordinate Councils to be placed upon wheels to be moved around from place to place within their jurisdiction, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon petitions and conferring Degrees. They probably have some good timber in the outlying "deestricts", and they propose to move the mill to it.

The report on Correspondence, or as they have it in Kentucky, on the "Doings of other Grand Councils" is from the pen of M. Ill. Comp. H. B. Grant, a versatile and able veteran in everything Masonic. It is one of the most interesting reviews that have come before us, and if we expected to continue in this business, we should like a few lessons from Companion Grant. Ohio for 1904 receives courteous and fraternal mention. He does not like the rule which prevails in Ohio in all our Grand Bodies that a Brother or Companion holding a dimit, cannot petition a Lodge, Chapter or Council U. D. for affiliation. Neither does he like the decision made by Grand Master Lane that one of the three principal officers must be present or a Council cannot be opened. This also is the rule in all our bodies.

Companion Wm. R. Johnston of Lebanon, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion H. B. Grant was re-elected V. Ill. Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Louisville on October 15th, 1906.

MAINE, 1905.

This Grand Council met in its fifty-first Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the City of Portland, on May 3rd, 1905, with M. Ill. Comp. Albro E. Chase Grand Master, and all the other Grand Officers, as well as Representatives from 14 of the 16 Subordinate Councils of the State, in attendance. The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 274 during the year and a total membership of 3738. 11 Past Grand Masters were in attendance and the Representatives from 24 other Grand Jurisdictions. We notice, however, that Rt. Ill. Comp. Webster Hazelwood of Andover, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was not in attendance. The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $838.02.

The Grand Master commences his address with a reference to the death of two Past Grand Masters of that Jurisdiction, M. Ill. Companions Marquis F. King and Horace H. Burbank, both of whom died during the year. He reports the granting of Dispensations to nearly every Council in the State to receive petitions, ballot thereon and confer degrees at Special Assemblies, but says he believes that Degrees should be conferred at Stated Assemblies instead of Special Assemblies. Then why grant the Dispensations? He visited a number of Subordinate Councils during the year at all of which he was received with honors befitting his station. He says of the Subordinate Councils that with one exception they are in fair condition. In conclusion he makes the surprising statement that in completing his term as Grand Master he has finished his course as a presiding officer of every Masonic body, both Subordinate and Grand, in York Rite Freemasonry. Truly a wonderful record, and one which at once stamps Companion Chase as one of the shining lights of the Order.

His closing words are:

"I assure you, my brethren, as I retire from this position, even as I have retired from others, that I shall not cease to labor for

the interests of Masonry as a whole, and of Cryptic Masonry in part; for in it and of it, as a part and parcel of Freemasonry, are Degrees not to be excelled in beauty, in sublimity of thought, and calling for nicety in action, and also worthy of the most careful attention and earnest thought of every true Mason".

The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work report in detail the visitations made by them respectively during the year. In Maine the first three Grand Officers make the visitations and inspections; in Ohio we divide this duty and its accompanying responsibilities and pleasures among all our Grand Officers. The M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. Albro E. Chase, submitted the Report on Correspondence. To Ohio for the year 1904, is given a pleasing review of two pages in which he makes several quotations, with approval, from the address of M. Ill. Comp. John F. Lane and the Report of M. Ill. Comp. Cunningham on Correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Charles B. Adams of Portland was elected Grand Master, and Stephen Berry of Portland was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly was held in Portland on May 2nd, 1906, the proceedings of which are not yet before us.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1905.

This Grand Council convened in Ionic Hall in the Masonic Temple in Boston on December 13th, 1905. The Grand Master M. Ill. Companion Forrest E. Barker presided and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Conductor, were in their stations. Representatives from twenty-two out of the twenty-eight working Charters in the State, were present, together with four Past Grand Masters and representatives from twenty other Grand Jurisdictions, among the latter being Ill. Companion J. Gilman Waite of Boston, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

The printed proceedings come to us in a pamphlet of 133 pages and have for a frontispiece a fine portrait of the presiding Grand Master. In addition to the proceedings of the Annual Assembly, the pamphlet contains the printed proceedings of three Special Assemblies.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the last year of 311, an actual net gain for the last three years of 335 and a total membership of 6882.

The address of the Grand Master is a short business paper in which he reports his doings during the year. Of the progress made during the year he says:

"Never before, so far as I can learn, have the Subordinate Councils been so generally prosperous or the standards of work everywhere so high".

He further states that for the first time in many years the Grand Council had on hand ample funds to meet all the ordinary expenses of the year to come. This amount as shown by the Grand Treasurer's report was $2409.63.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of Companion J. Gilman Waite and is his eighth report. Ohio for 1904 and 1905 is reviewed. The committee quotes freely from the addresses of the respective Grand Masters with favorable comment thereon. The writer also quotes from Companion Cunningham's report on Correspondence and especially the retrospect which our venerable Companion gave us in his report for 1905.

Companion Edwin S. Crandon of Cambridge was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and Companion J. Gilman Waite of Boston was re-elected Grand Recorder, and reappointed as Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We fail to find anywhere in the proceedings a statement as to the time when the next Grand Assembly of this Grand Council will be held, but from the remarks of the Grand Master in his address we presume the time is fixed by the constitution. Even if this be true it strikes us that the time should be stated somewhere in the proceedings, so that those of us who desire to do so may know when we can drop in and break bread with the Companions of this old commonwealth.

MICHIGAN, 1906.

The forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan was held in the city of aginaw on May 14th, 1906, with all the Grand Officers present

except the Grand Lecturer who had died during the year. There were also present 12 Past Grand Masters, the Representatives from 55 Subordinate Councils, including two under Dispensation, and the Representatives from 22 other Grand Jurisdictions. Ill. Comp. George A. Cross of Lawrence, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near the Grand Council of Michigan was not in attendance. The printed proceedings which are before us are introduced by a portrait of the retiring Grand Master M. Ill. Comp. Bayard A. Church, which faces the title page. These proceedings are also made more valuable by good portraits of a number of prominent Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction who had died during the year.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 307 during the year and a total membership of 5802. His report also states that there are in that Jurisdiction 149 Emeritus members. If we understand this expression it means that they have 149 Companions who have been excused from further service, but we don't quite understand just what amount of service, what years of membership or what qualifications would entitle a member to this honorary and honorable distinction.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $3005.52, which is a snug balance.

The address of the Grand Master, besides being a report in detail of his official acts during the year, contains some beautiful thoughts which it would be well for every one to treasure in his memory.

Among other things he says:

"Masonry means much. It seems to cover the whole range of human knowledge, and in an especial and particular manner is designed to prevent those struggles and contentions which seem almost inevitable under the conditions of our active life. It makes it easier to forgive a wrong done us or lend a helping hand to some struggling Brother. The beautiful allegory unfolded to the Fraternity, which to the ignorant may seem but a picturesque story, to those more learned seems to portray a high standard of intellectual life with noble rules of honor and justice, yet, to those keener minds that delve deep under the mysteries of life, Masonry is seen to be concerned chiefly with the spirit and its future activity rather than with its transitory earthly manifestation".

The Grand Master granted six special Dispensations, two of which were to receive petitions and ballot for candidates at Special Assemblies. He issued Dispensations for three new Councils to be organized at Houghton, Marquette, and Howell respectively.

He appointed Rev. Charles A. Lippincott of Flint, Grand Chaplain to supply the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. Francis Asbury Blades. He reports a number of visitations during the year, says that 23 schools of instruction were held by the Grand Lecturer prior to his death, and indicates a degree of prosperity which ought to be satisfactory. This Grand Council lost by death during the year two of its active officers, three Past Grand Masters and two Past Deputy Grand Masters. This is truly a severe affliction. The Grand Master pays a proper tribute to the excellence and worth of these Companions who have so long been at work in the Secret Vault, and having faithfully discharged their duty as Select Masters, have now laid aside their working tools for a season of refreshment.

The Grand Recorder, Comp. Charles A. Conover, reports that every Council has made returns and paid dues in full. He recommended that the Council degrees be taken from the bargain counter where they have been so long selling at $5.00, and placed on a higher shelf at a minimum price of $10.00, and this recommendation was subsequently approved by the Grand Council.

He says, in closing, that there should be no reason why Michigan should not stand as the first Grand Council in the United States. Why, Comp. Conover, how can you thus overlook Ohio?

A pathetic incident in connection with this Annual Assembly was the report made by Mrs. Eva Sprague Goodrich, widow of Comp. Lewis C. Goodrich, late Grand Lecturer, who died during the year and before his work of inspections had been finished. The report was prepared by the widow from brief memoranda left by the deceased.

The letter addressed by the General Grand Master Comp. Andrew P. Swanstrom to the different Sovereign Grand Councils, of which Michigan is one, was read by the Grand Recorder, and on motion the same was received and "placed on file". This action

was cool enough to suggest that the letter should have been received and placed on ice.

It occurred to the Grand Recorder that this was hardly treating the communication of the General Grand Master with that courteous and fraternal spirit which is characteristic of our Fraternity, and he requested that some definite action be taken and a courteous reply made to the letter.

Comp. John H. Kingsley, Past Grand Master, moved that the Grand Council should accept the invitation and unite with the General Grand Council. This provoked a lengthy discussion, and, on motion, the whole matter was referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Master, who should visit, at the expense of the Grand Council, the Triennial Assembly in Boston, and give the subject a thorough investigation, and report their finding and recommendations at the next Annual Assembly.

The committee appointed by the Grand Master was present in Boston and will undoubtedly be prepared to report at the next Annual Assembly of their Grand Council. From personal observation we are confident that the committee were courteously received by the General Grand Council and that they had a good time. They certainly must have been impressed by their reception and welcome, and while we cannot anticipate their report, we predict that the time is not far distant when this great Jurisdiction will lay aside its mantle of "Sovereignty", and take its position, which will be an important one, among the Constituent Grand Councils.

Comp. Charles A. Conover presented his third report on Correspondence, in which he reviews thirty-seven annual proceedings. Ohio for 1905 is given six pages of interesting review in which Comp. Conover shows clearly that he carefully reads what is before him. He quotes approvingly from the address of the writer of this report, who was then Grand Master, which of course tickles us in the vanity spot.

Comp. Arthur H. McCloud of Detroit was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and Comp. Charles A. Conover of Coldwater was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held in the city of Port Huron on May 20th, 1907.

MINNESOTA, 1905.

The thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul on October 9th, 1905. M. Ill. Grand Master Charles J. Bevan presided. There are but seven Chartered Councils in this jurisdiction and all of them were represented. Number advanced seventy, affiliated one, dimitted eleven, died eighteen and "stricken from the rolls" six, a net gain of thirty-six, and leaving a present membership of eight hundred and seven. Twelve Past M. Ill. Grand Masters were in attendance and twenty-four Foreign Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Rt. Ill. Companion Thomas Montgomery of St. Paul, Ohio's grand representative, was in attendance in at least three capacities, those of Grand Recorder, Grand Representative and Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands, cash and bonds, of $784.02.

The half-tone cut of Grand Master Bevan which faces the proceedings is the picture of a handsome man if the camera has been true to the original, and we are surprised that the Companions of Minnesota would allow such a good looking fellow to get away from them. And yet, since Past M. P. General Grand Master A. P. Swanstrom has abandoned that mustache, they are not without handsome men in Minnesota.

The Grand Master regrets that he cannot present the results which he had hoped to accomplish. He reports the death of their Grand Chaplain, Ill. Comp. Norman I. Colburn, and M. Ill. Comp. John Richard Carey, Past Grand Master. He recommends that the Companions of the Cryptic Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction work in harmony with other Masonic Bodies to bring about the erection of a home for the aged Masons, their widows and orphans. He also recommends the adoption of the "Ohio idea" that of dividing the state into districts, or Arches, to be under the supervision of Inspectors.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Ill. Comp. Thomas Montgomery and is his fifteenth report. He states that because of the necessary outlay of money in other directions his report has been made as short as possible.

Ohio has a pleasing notice occupying a page, and Companion Montgomery expresses some pride at having the privilege of representing so vigorous a Grand Council as that of Ohio. We notice in the list of officers elected and appointed three whose names are Johnson, but we are quite sure that the old song "Too Much Johnson" was inspired long before these Companions were installed.

Companion Charles S. Schurman of St. Paul is M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Thomas Montgomery also of St. Paul is Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder, and also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Minneapolis on the second Monday of October, 1906.

MISSISSIPPI, 1906.

The Fifty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council convened in the city of Brookhaven on February 21st, 1906, the Grand Master, M. Ill. Companion Phineas M. Savery and a majority of the other Grand Officers being present. 36 out of 44 of the Chartered Councils of the state were represented. Grand Representatives from 25 other Jurisdictions were in attendance, among the number being Ill. Companion Frederick Speed of Vicksburg, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, he having been appointed during the year to succeed Companion S. M. Roane, deceased.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 131 and a total membership of 1570, while the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $1365.12.

The Grand Master, who a year previous was walking in the heavy shadow of a personal sorrow and bereavement, expresses his heart-felt gratitude to his Companions for their fraternal messages of sympathy and good will, and in connection therewith says:

"O! Companions, words or messages of sympathy, one to another when we are in sorrow, trouble or distress, are surely golden, the recollection of which will be as priceless jewels in our memories. A fraternal message of sympathy, or an act of kindness will strengthen and brighten each link in the chain of the living and cause our love for one another to enfold us as a garment."

He feelingly refers to the passing out of the earthly shadows into the glorious light of heaven of Ill. Companion Andrew Hanna Barkley, who died December 9th, 1905. He seems to have had some difficulty in carrying out the directions of the Grand Council in the matter of the division of the state into Arches for the purpose of Inspection, — in fact he seems to have completely failed in this respect.

He did, however, subsequently appoint seven expert Inspectors without assigning any special territory to them, only three of whom seem to have performed any of the duties assigned to them. He notes some dissatisfaction among the Companions on account of the substitution of the ritual of the General Grand Council, and shows an inclination to compromise matters with the Companions by stating that it is optional with them whether they use the ritual of the General Grand Council or that promulgated by the New York Convention in 1873. Why, this compromise? The Grand Council of Mississippi had the right to designate the ritual to be used, and having designated the ritual of the General Grand Council, that is the ritual that ought to be used. Especially is this true if an effort is made to have the work made uniform in the state by appointing a corps of Inspectors. We have had the same difficulty in Masonic Bodies in Ohio. There are always a few fellows who think that their knowledge of the esoteric work is the only true knowledge, but they usually go farther back than 1873 for their standard. We are not speaking in favor of the General Grand Council Ritual, but having adopted it, the Grand Council of Mississippi should see that its edict is enforced. The Grand Master reports the communications received from the General Grand Master urging the Grand Council of Mississippi to become a constituent member of the General Grand Council. This portion of his address was referred to a special committee which gives our good Companion Frederick Speed an opportunity to once more mildly rebuke the General Grand Council for its audacity in asking them to become a member of the common household. This Triennial spanking of the General Grand Council by the so-called "Sovereign Grand Councils" comes no longer as a surprise but rather as a thing to be expected. Companion Speed says:

"From a purely sentimental standpoint and a natural desire to

form a closer bond of union between ourselves and the great body of Cryptic Masons of the country, we are strongly moved to advise your uniting with the General Grand Council, but here the reasoning begins and ends, as we see it, for there is nothing which seems to us to call for the existence of a General Grand Body in Cryptic Masonry from a practical and Masonic standpoint."

Well, Companion Speed, we believe this is a little more liberality than yôu have shown in the past, and if you can attend a few more Triennials where they have luncheons served in sub-basements, with fresh lobster salads, crab meats and sea foods and plenty of apollinaris to wash it down, as you had in Boston lately, we believe you will come to the conclusion that the sentimental and fraternal side of the question is at least of equal importance to the purely practical side. The fact is that there are many bright brainy men in these so-called Sovereign Grand Councils whose wisdom and service would be highly appreciated by the General Grand Body, and their influence would be much greater if they were *in* the General Grand Council, than it is by their looking in through the rear door.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, but the reason therefor is not stated.

M. Ill. Companion Phineas M. Savery of Tupelo was re-elected Grand Master, and Ill. Companion Frederick Speed was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Natchez on February 20th, 1907.

MISSOURI, 1906.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri was held at Kansas City on April 24th, 1906. M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. Martin T. Balsley presided, and all the other Grand officers, except Grand Steward, were in their stations. There are fourteen Chartered Councils and one Council U. D. in this Grand Jurisdiction, and thirteen Councils were represented. Six Past Grand Masters and Grand Representatives from twenty other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance, among the latter being Ill. Comp. John R. Parson of St. Louis, Ohio's Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Missouri.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that 163 "passed the circle", 14 affiliated, 2 were reinstated, 22 expelled, 45 suspended for non-payment of dues and 1 suspended, no cause given. This made a net gain for the year of 95 and made the total membership 1325.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of $1967.25 on hand.

The Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of two Past Grand Masters who died during the year, M. Ill. Companions Thomas E. Garrett and Joseph S. Browne.

He reported the appointment and recommendation for appointment of a number of Companions as Grand Representatives to and from that Jurisdiction; issued a number of Dispensations, some of which were to receive and ballot upon petitions at Special Assemblies.

He appointed Companion Robert F. Stevenson as Correspondence Committee in place of Companion W. F. Kuhn, resigned.

He made a number of visitations, and organized one Council.

One of his concluding paragraphs is worthy of being quoted in full. He says:

"I made a special effort to knock at the door of every Council in the state of Missouri, and I find that wherever a Council has been fortunate in securing earnest and zealous officers, prosperity abounds within its portals. When you visit a Council without such officers, you find it sleeping at its post. An earnest, zealous devotion on the part of the officers, with the assistance of the membership, will bring about such a revival that every Crypt will give forth a sound of renewed energy and the light of a new day will dawn.

Duty is the first law of nature, but when neglected, or performed with motives unworthy, or purposes insincere, the strong arm of its protector, with sure and vigorous reach, will halt the faithless servants, turn from them the blessing of his face, and on the arid sands of disappointment, with blasted hopes and thwarted purposes, they will pass from his presence as the waters fail from the sea, and there will be no longer pleasant memory of them among men or Masons."

The Grand Master appreciating the services of the Grand Recorder, recommended that his salary be raised, and the Grand Recorder offering no objection thereto, the By-Laws were amended so as to fix the salary at $150.00 per annum.

The Committee on Jewels, appointed the previous year, reported a design for a jewel to be presented to Past Grand Masters, which was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Recorder, Comp. Robert F. Stevenson, and is a very interesting review of fifty-five pages. He tells us it is his first report, but if he has not had reportorial experience in some other Masonic body, he certainly has the ability to quickly familiarize himself with new duties, and his perspicuity must be commended.

Ohio for 1905 has a courteous review of four pages, and it is a pleasure to the writer to know that his acts as Grand Master, seem to have had the approval of this new critic. In speaking of visitations by Grand Officers, he says:

"When the stranger appears in the village, town or even in some of the cities, everybody resident notices his advent. Curiosity develops inquiry as to what brought him there, or the purpose of his visit. The faithful few in the varied bodies of Masonry know of his coming, but the indifferent, lukewarm and apathetic hear of it through extraneous sources. The conscience of such will sometimes trouble them with unpleasant reminders of a duty not performed. They may be present at the Assembly, perhaps the first time in a year or a series of them. The observant Grand Officer can if he will, drive a nail that will cause them to stick".

He says Ohio is a great state and its people are venturesome and aggressive, and that we are furnishing and have furnished, a large percentage of the population of states west of us, of which Missouri is one.

Companion John H. Barr of Kansas City was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Robert F. Stevenson of St. Louis was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of St. Louis on April 23rd, 1907.

NEBRASKA, 1905.

This Grand Council convened in its twenty-sixth Annual Assembly in the city of Omaha on December 13th, 1905, with M. Ill. Comp. Gustave Anderson, Grand Master, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers except the Grand Captain of the Guard in

their stations. There are 19 Chartered Councils and 4 Councils U. D. in this Grand Jurisdiction, 12 of which were represented in this Grand Assembly. The proceedings contain a fine portrait of the presiding Grand Master. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 102, and a total membership of 948. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $810.61.

The address of the Grand Master is a short business paper giving an account of his stewardship during the year. He reports that with a few exceptions the several Councils of the state are enjoying a full measure of prosperity, and says that the increase for the year is sufficiently large. He believes that slow and steady growth is preferable to large accessions followed by years of inactivity. He continued the Dispensation of one Council and issued a Dispensation for another. He issued a number of special Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions without regard to time, and recommended an appropriation of $50.00 to the Nebraska Masonic Home. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no matter had been referred to it for consideration, and congratulated the Grand Council on the peace, prosperity and harmony that prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by representatives of the other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Nebraska, the review of Ohio for the year 1904 being from the pen of M. Ill. Past Grand Master, Charles J. Phelps. He seems to have some pride, and we believe it is just pride, in the fact that he represents the largest Grand Jurisdiction of the Cryptic Rite in the world, compliments our Grand Recorder on our published proceedings which he says are up to date in style and character as a Masonic publication. He says of M. Ill. Comp. William M. Cunningham, writer of the report on Correspondence for that year, that he is an able and experienced writer of Masonic reviews, with all of which we heartily agree.

M. Ill. Comp. Lorenzo D. Woodruff of Lincoln, was elected Grand Master, and Rt. Ill. Comp. Francis E. White of Omaha was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Omaha on December 12th, 1906.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1905.

The forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord on May 15th, 1905, eleven out of the 14 Chartered Councils of the State being represented. The M. Ill. Grand Master Comp. Harry M. Cheney presided and all the other Grand Officers were in their stations. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 40, and a total membership of 1827. There were 10 Past Grand Masters present at this Grand Assembly and 19 other Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Ill. Comp. Jesse M. Durrell of Tilton, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was in attendance.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of $912.40.

The Grand Master in his opening remarks says:

"At once I assure you that it has been a year marked by nothing sensational, nothing unusual. No perplexing problem has confronted any one in authority. No disturbing influence has been manifest. On the contrary there has been such unity of effort, such agreement, such determined work, that this day finds us well advanced as regards our standing of one year ago. There has been a healthy growth prevalent everywhere in our branch of Freemasonry. Peace has been our portion; prosperity has been our fortune; progress has been our reward".

He feelingly refers to the death of Comp. Alpheus Wooster Baker, who seems to have been very prominent in Masonic affairs in that State, and pays him a beautiful tribute in an extended obituary.

The different Councils of the State were assigned to the three principal officers for visitation and inspection. He appointed two Grand Representatives from that Jurisdiction near other Jurisdictions, and recommended the appointment of four Representatives from Foreign Jurisdictions near that Grand Council. Among the latter he recommended the appointment of Comp. Jesse M. Durrell, to be the Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio. He rendered one decision for which we feel like patting him on the back. In answer to an inquiry as to whether a petition for the degrees could be received at a Special Assembly he replied:

"Petitions for the degrees in Councils of Royal and Select Masters must be presented at Stated Assemblies, and, with the constitutional time intervening, ballots upon the same must be taken at Stated Assemblies".

The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work made report of the visitations and inspections made by them respectively. A committee on Revised Constitution presented their report which was ordered to lie over until the next Annual Assembly.

M. Ill. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, the Grand Recorder, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, which consists of a review of 37 Annual Proceedings of 31 Grand Jurisdictions.

Ohio for 1904 has a fraternal, courteous review in which a well deserved compliment is paid to the former writer of these reports, M. Ill. Comp. Cunningham.

Companion Harry M. Cheney of Lebanon was re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Frank Dana Woodbury of Concord, was re-elected Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Concord on May 14th, 1906.

NEW YORK, 1905.

The ninety-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York was convened in Aurora Grata Cathedral in the city of Brooklyn, on August 29th, 1905, with M. Ill. Comp. Irving L'Hommedieu, Grand Master, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers except the Grand Sentinel in their stations. The printed proceedings which are before us in a very neat pamphlet of 104 pages, have as an introduction the portraits of Past Grand Master John L. Brothers and the presiding Grand Master. Twenty-three out of the 25 Chartered Councils of the State were represented, and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form in accordance with an elaborate program arranged for the occasion by M. Ill. Comp. Frederick Kanter. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain in membership during the year of 255, and a total membership of 5,115. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $534.78, and an additional deposit in the bank of $1255.55, known as the Permanent Fund.

There were eleven Past Grand Masters present and Grand Representatives from 32 other Grand Councils who were courteously and fraternally received. Ill. Comp. James Chambers of New York the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near the Grand Council of New York, was present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers a dozen pages of the printed record and is a statement in brief detail of the work of the year. His opening paragraphs were so appropriate to the occasion, and so inspiring that we quote them as follows:

"Primarily, organized Freemasonry practiced the art of physical building; later it became a symbolic art, teaching the divine doctrines of morality and the universal brotherhood of man. Dangerous Tenets these for public profession in those ages of oppression out of which the race has emerged, but the propagation of those principles, by our craft, and by certain religious sects, made civil and religious liberty possible, and made the settlement of this hemisphere certain, a colonization that has resulted in wonders stupendous. What if some centuries ago the actual Freemasons did build some imposing edifices? Can their glory be compared with the material structure of the present civilization that is builded upon the everlasting foundation of the principles of Symbolic Masonry? Look about us! Today we are met in a city of millions, the metropolis of a free nation — the greatest of earth, but for the adoption of the cardinal precepts of Freemasonry this would not be; precepts which put into practice freed the labor and the genius that has reared the labyrinth of aisles of Masonry that marks the city of this Assembly. We are in one of the greatest temples in the world, here to take advice together, and may the inspiration of the manifold achievements of the past urge us to such practices as shall hasten the coming of the era when universal brotherhood shall be not only an ethical term, but an accomplishment eternal."

In obedience to the provisions of the constitution of that Grand Council, the Subordinate Councils of the State were assigned to the Grand Officers for official visitation during the year, and the Grand Master reports that most of the Councils were visited.

He reports the appointment and recommendation for appointment of a number of Grand Representatives to and from that Grand Council. He made but one decision which was that a summons signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council, was a lawful summons whether the seal of the Council was or was not

attached. He followed what appears to be a growing custom in the Cryptic Rite, and issued a number of Dispensations to receive petitions, elect candidates and confer degrees at Special Assemblies. We cannot understand why the rule which is so generally followed in other Masonic Bodies, that petitions can only be received and balloted for at Stated Meetings, should be so persistently broken in the Cryptic Rite. A member of a Subordinate Council has the same right to know who are applying for the degrees as has the member of any other Masonic Body. He knows the time of the Stated Meetings, and if petitions can only be received and acted upon at those meetings, he has an opportunity to exercise the prerogative of every Mason. But if Dispensations are to be granted to receive and act upon petitions, and confer degrees at Special Assemblies, of which the rank and file have no notice, then is his prerogative of little avail, because before he knows anything about it the candidate is railroaded through and is giving him the laugh instead of the warm hand of true fellowship.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead is a most beautiful and appropriate pen picture, and we cannot resist the temptation to make an extended quotation therefrom. In speaking of the clouds of sorrow and anguish that have darkened the homes of many Companions during the year, the Committee say:

"Thirsty, after days of uninterrupted sunshine, dusty, after the tread of many feet, careful of the flower children and the food of man which lie upon the nourishing bosom of Mother Earth, she summons the clouds, her sombre and heavily-laden attendants, and bids them slake her thirst, wash away her dust, revive the flagging life of that which sprang into being by the very travail of the patient soil, and through her tears smiles up into the face of her God. But humanity growls on and ceases not, until the sun shines again in the majesty of his golden glory. Humanity sees the change upon Nature's features; how green the grass, how grand the trees, how grateful the grain and the flowers; but says no word of appreciation, utters no word of thanks. Yet great has been the gain which the clouds and the rain have brought, more glowing is Nature as she steps forth from her bath; more striking is the beauty which lifts itself up upon the mount of its transfiguration, more stirring are the wondrous harmonies which rise upon the zephyr, more closely does the earth nestle in the clasp of her loving and watchful Creator. Nature's life is more beautiful because the clouds and rain have visited the earth and blessed it. The sum-

mer days are the many days of human lives. The Father gives them freely, beautifies them without stint, weighs infirmities against duties and even selfishness against gratitude, until He sees forgetfulness to become dangerously near to stupor and complaints leavened with rebellion's antagonism, and then sends the clouds of trouble, that the eyes of His creatures may be lifted toward Him, and the thoughts forced to recognize His authority and His power. They descend and surround, they force humanity to come from without and to enter within; and the errand they do and the message they bring, wring tears, human raindrops, from the eyes, and pours them upon hardened consciences and parched souls. Those clouds are dense and chill; they are black and heavy; they chant a solemn dirge as they toll the knell of death; they hear the cry of anguish, mingled with the questionings of pain; they make no answer, and lift only after many davs. But the sun *will* shine again upon as many as *will* to see it. Blessings forgotten, but still remaining, brighten with a new rediance; reason calms the turbulence of rebellion into the quiet of faith; and humanity goes to God with the outstretched hand of companionship, though the sob of separation is not yet quite stilled, nor the wound within the heart yet quite healed. But the smile of God is upon the soul, and the chords of the song of coming happiness are faintly heard as they are touched by the fingers of the angels."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of our able, affable and congenial Companion Most Illustrious John W. Coburn, and is a careful and painstaking review of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Councils. Ohio for 1904 receives courteous and fraternal notice in a review covering five pages of the printed record. The Committee quotes copiously from the address of M. Ill. Comp. John F. Lane, and seems to find no fault therewith.

He feelingly refers to the death of Comp. S. Stacker Williams and says of him that he was an able, earnest, and faithful worker for over forty years in Masonry.

He justly compliments our beloved Companion Cunningham on his Report on Correspondence for 1904, and quotes his introductory in full.

M. Ill. Comp. Iving L'Hommedieu was re-elected Grand Master, but declined the further honor, and thereupon M. Ill. Comp. Charles Stewart of Brooklyn was elected Grand Master, and R. Ill. Comp. Geo. Van Vliet of New York was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Troy on August 28th, 1906.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1905.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina was held in the Masonic Hall in the city of Asheville on June 7th, 1905, and was opened in Ample Form by M. Ill. Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr., the presiding Grand Master. All of the Chartered Councils of the state, being five in number, were represented. Two Past Grand Masters and representatives from nine other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance. M. Ill. Companion W. S. Liddell of Charlotte, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council, was present. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 23, and a total membership of 210.

The first page contains a portrait of Companion Ferdinand Ulrich, R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master, who died during the year. The Grand Master in his address refers with much feeling to the sudden death of this Illustrious Companion, which occurred in the city of Baltimore on August 8th, 1904, after a brief illness. He reports that the work of the year in that Grand Jurisdiction had not been what it should have been and generously assumes much of the responsibility for the condition of affairs, from the fact that he had not been able to make a single visitation during the year. While the visitations of the Grand Master are usually pleasant affairs in Subordinate Councils, and not infrequently awaken some additional interest in the bodies, yet their prosperity should not depend upon these visitations. It is but seldom that a Grand Master participates in the ceremonies of conferring the degrees, and some of us who have filled that exalted station could not render much assistance if we desired to do so.

We can, however, sit in the East, display our jewelry and look wise, and if the Companions think we are wise, then are our words mighty with them and our visits are not in vain. The Grand Master reports a visit made by him on October 4th, 1904, to the Grand Council of Ohio, at its Annual Assembly in Columbus and seems to have been pleased at the reception accorded him by the

Companions of our Grand Council. We beg to assure our distinguished Companion that the pleasure of his visit was more than half ours. He was then a stranger and we took him in, the next time he will come as a friend and what we will do to him and for him will be sufficient.

We notice there is a custom in this, as in some other Grand Jurisdictions, of issuing Dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions at Special Assemblies. In our judgment this custom is a bad one. In this instance that part of the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which failed to report, and as "silence gives consent", we presume the action of the Grand Master was approved by the Grand Council.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, was re-elected Grand Master, and James C. Munds of Wilmington was re-elected Grand Recorder.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Assembly will be held at the city of Charlotte on May 9th, 1906.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1906.

This Grand Council met in its Thirtieth Annual Assembly, in the city of Charlotte on May 9th, 1906. A constitutional number of Subordinate Councils being represented, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form with M. Ill. Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr., presiding as Grand Master, and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, in their stations. Two Past Grand Masters were present as were the Grand Representatives from eight other Grand Jurisdictions, among the number being M. Ill. Comp. W. S. Liddell, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 80 and a present membership of 290, while the Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $169.48.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief statement of his official acts during the year. Like some of the rest of us, Companion Andrews is a busy man and he admits that he has not been able

to devote as much time to the duties of his office as he desired. The fact, however, that he was continued in office four years is a pretty strong indication that the Companions of his state were entirely satisfied with his efforts.

In opening his address he says:

"The past year has seen much progress in our entire state, and along with it the Cryptic Rite has advanced, and we are now stronger both in number of Councils and members of these bodies, as well as there is more enthusiasm in Council work by the members of this Grand Body."

As in the previous year, he issued a number of Dispensations to receive and act upon petitions at Special Assemblies. He made no official visits during the year, which was a matter of great regret to him. He did, however, find time to make visits to the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of New York and South Carolina. Companion James Southgate presents a report on Correspondence in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Jurisdictions.

Ohio for 1905 has a review of a little over two pages. The address of the Grand Master, who happens to be the writer of this report, is referred to with commendation, as is also the report of Companion Cunningham on Foreign Correspondence. He mentions the case of Cincinnati Council No. 1 which had been in existence for three-quarters of a century without a charter, and puts the question to the "actual presence" Companions, as to the legality of the work done by this Council during all these years. As the Grand Council was recognizing this Council from the time of its organization, and was receiving dues from it and profiting by its existence, it could hardly take the position that its work was illegal. In closing his report, Companion Southgate says:

"We have completed a review of thirty states which have come to us, and feel the relief of the way-worn traveler when he reaches his journey's end. We find nothing but hopefulness for the Cryptic Degrees, and we feel sure that the danger line of failure has been passed and that the future is bright with promise of good to them".

Comp. E. B. Neave of Salisbury was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Comp. James C. Munds of Wilmington was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Greensboro on the 15th day of May, 1907.

OREGON, 1906.

This Grand Council met in its twenty-first Annual Assembly in Salem, on April 11th, 1906. The M. Ill. Grand Master O. A. Dearing being absent, Rt. Ill. Comp. W. W. Dempsey presided in the East. 5 out of 6 chartered Councils in the State were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Two Past Grand Masters were present as were 6 representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions. Ill. Comp. A. L. Rumsey of Portland, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near the Grand Council of Oregon was not present. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 68 during the year, and a total membership of 357, while the report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance in his hands of $326.70.

The address of the M. Ill. Grand Master is very brief, covering but three pages of the record. He calls attention to the fact that the Grand Council of Oregon has now reached its majority in point of years, and congratulates the Companions on the steady and substantial growth that has marked their progress, and the enthusiasm and loyalty which he says is a distinguishing characteristic of the Royal and Select Masters of Oregon.

He very truly says:

"The incomplete structure of Ancient Craft Masonry, built in the Symbolic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, can only be completely rounded out and thoroughly understood by those who receive the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master — the eighth and ninth Degrees of the York Rite as given in America — with the appendant or honorary degree of Super-Excellent Master, as these Cryptic Degrees furnish the keystone which binds together the Symbolic Arch of Ancient Craft Masonry."

He made a number of official visits during the year, granted two Dispensations to receive petitions, ballot thereon and confer degrees out of time, which he says were issued for "good and sufficient reasons."

The committee on doings of Grand Officers reported against

the pre-requisite idea and their report was adopted. $100.00 was appropriated to defray the expenses of the representative to the General Grand Council.

All representatives of Foreign Jurisdiction who were present were received and welcomed by the Grand Council.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

William A. Dempsey of Portland Oregon was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and Seth L. Pope was re-elected Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Corvallis on April 10th, 1907.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1906.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania convened at New. Castle on February 27th, 1906. The Grand Master, Companion George Albert Gorgas presided, and all other Grand Officers were in their stations. Eighteen Subordinate Councils were represented, ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance and representatives were present from twelve other Grand Jurisdictions, Illustrious Companion James B. Youngson of Pittsburg, Ohio's Representative, being among the number.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 275 and a total membership of 3324, while the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $2178.16.

If the proceedings correctly report the business of the Grand Council, they were very prompt in refusing the olive branch which was sent out by the General Grand Master, as the proceedings show that his letter was read and the Grand Recorder was ordered to advise him that no action would be taken in reference to the matters referred to in his letter, and all of this before the address of the Grand Master was read, and in fact before the appointment of the committees. How did anybody know at that stage of the proceedings what action might be taken by the Grand Council.

The Grand Master presents a report of great detail covering more that twenty pages which shows that he had a busy year. He reports that the Cryptic Rite in that Jurisdiction has shared

in the general prosperity which was manifest throughout the country; that he had visited all but one of the Subordinate Councils of the state and that nearly every one of them had made material progress. He believes that the systematic visitation by the Grand Officers, of the Subordinate Councils of the state has brought about this success. He very truthfully says:

"Those succeed who work and because they work, and the few Councils that are not making material progress are languishing because their officers and members will not work."

In referring to the different ways in which the interests of the Grand Council might be advanced, he very wisely says:

"Another thought is to change the custom of electing a new Grand Master each year. One year's service at the head of the organization is scarcely sufficient to become acquainted with little more than the routine duties. The custom in the other Masonic Bodies is to continue the presiding officer for two years, thus giving him ample time and greater opportunity for advancing the best interests of the Rite."

While we are not in favor of long continued service at the head of Masonic Bodies, we believe that no greater mistake has been made in recent years than the adoption of the modern method of changing the presiding officer of our Grand Bodies, and as well our Subordinate Bodies, every year. It matters not how bright, energetic and ambitious a Grand Master may be, it will take about all of his first year's experience to enable him to properly discharge his trust, and about the time he does become familiar with his duties, he is kicked out and another fellow put in who goes through the same experience. This changing of officers each year is producing more politics in our Grand Bodies than we are accustomed to see in the heat of political campaigns, and we believe that the result is bound to be the lowering of the standard of our official circles.

The state was divided into nine districts and Deputy Grand Masters appointed to supervise them.

In regard to prerequisition he wisely says:

"Frequently during my visitation the question of making the Cryptic Degrees a prerequisite to Knighthood was suggested. To my mind the Grand Council of Pennsylvania should never again suggest that thought. Having passed through the dark and trying years of adversity, we have surmounted every obstacle and

are now on a stable foundation. It would, I think, be humiliating to ask the Grand Commandery to make our Degrees prerequisite after we have shown the Masonic world that we can succeed by simply explaining to our brethren that their Masonic knowledge is incomplete without the Chapter and Council, and that in having these they secure all the essentials of Ancient Craft Masonry."

The Grand Master says that he does not approve of granting Dispensations to act upon petitions without waiting the usual time, and that he dislikes very much to do it, and he then makes the mistake, as we believe, of granting twenty-eight such Dispensations.

He recommended that the Grand Council adopt a rule that no Companion should be permitted to vote, hold office, act as recommender, serve on committees or perform any of the ordinary duties of membership save those of an observer and an assistant in conferring Degrees, until after he had taken the Royal, Select and Super-Excellent degrees. We note however that this recommendation was not concurred in.

The review of proceedings of other Grand Councils is from the pen of Illustrious Companion Frank W. Martenis who is Right Puissant Grand Recorder. Ohio for 1905 receives courteous and fraternal consideration. He publishes a list of Grand Councils showing gains of one hundred or more during the last year. There are sixteen of them with Ohio as usual leading the procession.

Companion Charles W. Wolfertz, of Allentown was elected Most Puissant Grand Master and Companion Frank W. Martenis was re-elected Right Puissant Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Erie on January 15, 1907.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1906.

This Grand Council met in its Forty-seventh Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple in the city of Charleston on February 13th, 1906, and was presided over by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion F. E. Harrison. All of the Subordinate Councils of the State, being six in number, were represented, and the Grand Council was opened in due form. The report of the Grand Recorder

shows a net gain of but one during the year and a total membership of 207. There were representatives present from 12 other Grand Jurisdictions, among the number being Ill. Companion J. T. Barron of Columbia, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council. The committee on Reports of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, reported a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $133.76 and recommended appropriations amounting to $128.75, leaving a balance in the treasury of $5.01, not a very heavy balance but probably sufficient.

The Grand Master presents a short address expressing his regret that while Cryptic Masonry seems to be flourishing in most of the other Jurisdictions with whom they have fraternal connections, the progress in South Carolina seems to be slow, and adopts the remarks of another reviewer that "The room for improvement is the largest room in the house." He, however, expresses the hope for better things in the future. He suggests that the companions who hold membership in the Order of Knights Templars use their influence to have the Degrees of Royal and Select Master made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. This suggestion, however, was not approved by the Grand Council on the ground that the time was not ripe for such a suggestion. The Grand Master was not called upon to render any decisions during the year.

The Foreign Correspondence report is prepared by the Grand Recorder, Ill. Companion Zimmerman Davis, and is a review of the proceedings of 31 Grand Jurisdictions. Companion Davis does not make an extended review of the proceedings which came before him, but he seems to be able to condense what there is in them into a small compass, and gives to the Companions of his Jurisdiction a brief and yet ample report of the doings of other Grand Jurisdictions. Ohio for 1905 receives a full page notice. In speaking of our net gain of 662 the Reviewer says that the Grand Councils of North and South Carolina would be proud if they numbered in all as many members as the net gain in Ohio for one year. Well, Companion Davis, we sincerely wish your membership and that of your sister Grand Jurisdiction, were larger and they ought to be larger than they are, for the Masonic historical associations which cluster about the name of Charleston

ought to be sufficient to inspire every Mason in your state to a noble endeavor to acquire as much knowledge of the fraternity as is possible, and especially not to stop short of the beautiful and Sublime Degrees of the Cryptic Rite. M. Ill. Companion George S. Mower of Newberry was elected Grand Master and Companion Zimmerman Davis of Charleston was elected Grand Recorder. The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Charleston on February 12th, 1907.

TENNESSEE, 1906.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee was held in the city of Nashville on January 29th, 1906. M. Ill. Companion William A. Smith, Grand Master, presided and the other Grand Officers were in their stations. Thirteen out of 18 Subordinate Councils were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a prosperous year, with a net gain of 107, and a total membership of 662. There were 10 Past Grand Masters in attendance and the representatives of 17 other Grand Jurisdictions, Ohio not being among the number, as our state does not seem to have a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Tennessee. The Grand Master reports that peace and harmony continue to prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. He issued Dispensations for three new Councils all of which received Charters at this Grand Assembly. He reports visitations by him of all the Councils in Tennessee and says that during the year he assisted in conferring 148 Council Degrees. This is 145 more Council Degrees than we have to confer in Ohio. He recommends appropriations to the Masonic Library Association and the Widows and Orphans Home, which is very commendatory. The Grand Council of Tennessee has a custom of Conferring the Council Degrees at its Annual Assemblies under the authority of some former resolution, and a lengthy communication was received from one of the Subordinate Councils giving, what seems to us very strong reasons, for the repealing of this resolution. The committee on Jurisprudence however, of which M. Ill. Companion Bradford Nichol was chairman, recommended

that the former resolution be continued, with a restriction, that the Grand Council should not receive petitions from or confer Degrees upon Candidates who reside within 25 miles of a Subordinate Council, and that dues be charged by the Grand Council against Companions upon whom it confers Degrees, at such rate as the Grand Council may adopt.

The proceedings show that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means which was adopted, recommended that the minimum fee for the Degrees in that Jurisdiction remain at $5.00. Immediately following this report is a resolution which was adopted providing that the Grand Council shall charge $10.00 for the Degrees when it confers them, and that the fee be turned over to the Council to whom the member attaches himself. This seems to have satisfactorily settled the troublesome question.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $385.64.

The Correspondence Report is from the pen of M. Ill. Companion M. F. Flenniken whom we had the pleasure of meeting in Boston lately. The Ohio proceedings for the years 1904 and 1905 are reviewed. He pays the writer of this report a great compliment by saying that the front page of the 1905 proceedings is "adorned" with his photogravure. Thanks awfully.

Referring to our net gain of 662 in 1905, he says that this gain if small for Ohio, is larger than the entire membership of the Grand Council of Tennessee. This is true Companion Flenniken, but your Companions must not get discouraged for you have heard that "Great oaks from little acorns" etc.

In his concluding remarks he says that in his reviews he has been struck with the wide diversity of terms used in designating the Degrees conferred, and suggested that this should have the attention of the General Grand Council at its next Triennial. Our recollection however, is that the General Grand Council did not consider the matter.

Andrew P. Trogden of Sparta was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and William A. Clendening of Nashville was elected Grand Recorder.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly will be held in Nashville on January 28th, 1907.

VERMONT, 1905.

This Grand Council held its fifty-second Annual Assembly in the city of Burlington on June 13th, 1905, the M. Ill. Grand Master, Companion George F. Flanders presiding and all the other officers except two, in their stations. Representatives from fourteen of the seventeen Subordinate Councils of the state were present as were Grand Representatives from eighteen other Jurisdictions. Ill. Comp. Frank A. Phillips of Randolph, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, was not in attendance. The Grand Recorder's report shows a total membership of 1295 and a loss of four during the current year. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $951.22. The address of the Grand Master covers but four pages of the record and is a brief statement of the year's work. He reports that owing to sickness he had been unable to discharge his duties as he had hoped to do. He made no decision and no visitations during the year. Of the condition of the Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

"So far as I can learn we have not a dormant Council, all are doing a good amount of work and I think the past year shows an average of work equal to almost any other, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Marsh O. Perkins who gives to Ohio three pages of courteous review. He quotes from our tribute to the memory of Companion S. Stacker Williams and says of him:

"His reports on Correspondence were not only read and favorably commented upon, but they gave him a commanding position at the round table. He was the Venerable President of the Masonic Veterans of Ohio for twelve years, and was President of the National Association. His loss is confined to no narrow jurisdictional bounds, but is felt and deplored in many a Masonic circle."

Companion Orville C. Baker of Brandon was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and Companion Henry H. Ross was re-elected Grand Recorder, Companion Marsh O. Perkins being continued as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

VERMONT, 1906.

The fifty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Vermont, was held in the city of Burlington on June 12th, 1906 with all of the Grand Officers, except the Grand Marshall, in their respective stations, M. Ill. Companion Orville C. Baker presiding. Twelve Subordinate Councils were represented, twenty-five permanent members were present and nineteen Grand Representatives were in attendance, Ill. Companion Frank A. Phillip of Randolph, Ohio's Grand Representative, not being among the number. We notice however, that our old friend and Companion Martin H. Rice was there, and Martin H. had a great time for he afterwards told us so. The Grand Recorder's report shows a net increase during the year of 24 and a total membership of 1219. The report of Companion Charles H. Heaton, Grand Treasurer, shows a balance in his hands of $1119.86. The Grand Master presents a very short report of his year's work. Among other things he says:

"One thing needful to a greater success in Council work is *work;* work of an impressive character that shall awaken the latent energies of every Royal Arch Mason to the beauties and importance of taking the Council Degrees before proceeding to Templar Degrees."

Ill. Companion Marsh O. Perkins presents the report of the Committee on Correspondence and if we are any judge of such matters he presents a very good one. Of Ohio for 1905 he says the printed proceedings have an added interest because they are introduced by a fine likeness of the Grand Master, who happens to be the writer of this report. If Companion Perkins could see the original, the likeness, which seems to have so impressed him, would pale into insignificance. He quotes from the report of M. Ill. Comp. Cunningham on Correspondence and in bidding adieu to our venerable and beloved Companion, says:

"A masterly report on correspondence again appears from the hand of Past Grand Master William M. Cunningham, whom we regret to find now retires, because of other duties, from further activity in this line of Cryptic effort."

While we have succeeded, for the time being, our venerable Companion, we sincerely regret that he felt forced to retire, and we

can easily understand the regret that must come to the members of the Reportorial Staff, when one from whom they have so long been imbibing Masonic truths and information, is obliged to abandon his work.

Companion George F. Root of Newport was elected M. Ill. Grand Master and Companion Henry H. Ross was re-elected Grand Recorder, while Companion Marsh O. Perkins is again Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday evening June 11th, 1907, but where?

WASHINGTON, 1905.

The published proceedings of this Grand Council come to us in a pamphlet of 55 pages, facing the title page of which is an excellent half-tone of the retiring Grand Master. The Grand Council was convened in its tenth Annual Assembly in the city of Bellingham on June 20th, 1905 with M. Ill. Comp. J. Edmund Cates, Grand Master, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, present. A constitutional number, in fact, of all the Subordinate Councils of the State being represented, the M. Ill. Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Council in Ample Form, after which the Grand Representatives, from other Jurisdictions, being 15 in number, were introduced and received with grand honors Our own Past M. Ill. Grand Master, Comp. John B. Romans of Seattle, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near that Grand Council, was not in attendance.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 40, and a total membership of 596.

The address of the Grand Master covers 9 pages of the record. He says that in visiting the various Councils he has found a general state of inactivity; that what work is done is by a few earnest Companions who recognize the beauties of the Order. He places the responsibility for much of this upon the Grand Council because of its inactivity. He made a number of visitations during the year, continued the Dispensation of Vancouver Council, U. D. and granted some Special Dispensations. One of these was to a

Council authorizing it to receive and ballot on petitions at a Special Assembly after due notice to all the members. The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, to whom this part of the Grand Master's address was referred, recommended that his action be not approved, as it was contrary to the provisions of the by-laws, but the matter was subsequently referred to the incoming Committee on Jurisprudence. He arrested the Charter of one Council where it seemed that the Companions were entirely willing to have the arrest made.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hands of $259.71.

A Charter was granted to Vancouver Council as No. 10.

Ill. Companion Edward R. Hare writes the report on Foreign Correspondence in which he reviews the proceedings of 31 Jurisdictions which he does in 14 pages. Ohio for 1904 is given fifteen lines in which the proceedings of that Grand Assembly are briefly reviewed.

M. Ill. Companion Richard J. Graham of Seattle was elected Grand Master and Rt. Ill. Companion Edward R. Hare of Tacoma was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Spokane on June 19th, 1907.

WISCONSIN, 1906.

This Grand Council convened in its Forty-ninth Annual Assembly in the city of Milwaukee on February 20th, 1906. More than a constitutional number of the Subordinate Councils of the State being represented, the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by M. Ill. Grand Master Jacob Dreher assisted by the other Grand Officers.

Three Past Grand Masters and the Representatives from thirteen other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance. We notice, however, that Ill. Companion Fred Ring of La Crosse, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near that Grand Council was not present.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of 244

during the year and a total membership of 2074, while the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $800.25.

The Grand Master reports the granting of three Special Dispensations to transact business and confer Degrees, and states that one of them was to hold a "Stated Assembly" for that purpose. We do not quite understand why a Dispensation should be needed to hold a Stated Assembly. He constituted one new Council by proxy, issued one Dispensation for a new Council and called in the Charters of seven old Councils. He reports the printing and distribution to the Subordinate Councils of the Ritual of that Jurisdiction. Under the head of "Dormant Councils", and referring to the difficulty in stimulating them to action, he says:

"In order to avoid all such troubles, and to relieve these Companions from the burden of maintaining Councils, I would recommend that Councils be located at the following places in this Grand Jurisdiction: Superior, Ashland, Beloit, Madison, Milwaukee two, Racine, LaCrosse, Stevens Point, Green Bay, Mauston, Beaver Dam, Hudson, Chippewa Falls, and such other places as may be deemed advisable by the committee; that all Jurisdictional lines be done away with, and that the Charters and property of all other Councils in the State be called in or revoked. In this way the territory of each Council would be widened, and enough material could be procured to maintain live Councils at the places designated".

Well, this might be one way to revive the waning interest in Cryptic Masonry in a Jurisdiction, but we doubt if it is the best way. In the face of this recommendation the Grand Master constituted one Council, and issued a Dispensation for another, at places other than those mentioned by him as suitable places for Councils. This recommendation seems to have been referred to a special committee to report at the next Annual Assembly. A resolution, however, was afterwards adopted giving all Subordinate Councils in the state concurrent territorial Jurisdiction. The constitution was so amended as to give the Grand Master the right to revoke the Charter of any Council which does not confine itself, in the conferring of the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master, to the dignity and decorum intended by the ritual. This is right, for there is no place in Masonry for "tom-foolery" or "horse-play".

Owing to the illness of Companion William C. Swain, who presented the report on Foreign Correspondence for a number of years,

the report this year is prepared by the retiring Grand Master, M. Ill. Companion Jacob Dreher. There having been no report since 1902, he had a heavy task before him and did not succeed in reviewing all of the proceedings to date. He, however, went through forty-seven of them, which, to say the least, was quite a task.

Ohio for the years 1903 and 1904 receives fraternal mention in a review of three pages. The Reviewer makes no comment either for or against the work of our Grand Council, but confines himself strictly to a brief statement of what was done. He compliments M. Ill. Companion Cunningham on his reports and quotes the conclusion of his 1904 report.

Companion Henry Smith of Milwaukee was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion William W. Perry of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Milwaukee on February 19th, 1907.

CONCLUSION.

In reviewing the foregoing Proceedings, your Committee has been amazed by the number of Dispensations which have been issued to receive petitions, ballot thereon and confer Degrees at times other than those prescribed by law. This has been the case in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction. We do not understand why the rule which is enforced in the Lodge should be set aside in the Council. If it were a question purely of qualification of candidates, it might be said that having passed the test in the Lodge and Chapter, they were certainly qualified to become members of the Council, but it is not solely a question of qualification. Every member of the Council has the same right to say who his associates and Companions shall be as has a member of the Lodge, and if the Grand Master by his Dispensation allows petitions to be received and balloted on at Special Meetings and out of time, a Companion has no protection against the railroading through of candidates which may be objectionable to him.

Fraternally Submitted,

NELSON WILLIAMS,

For the Committee.

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio,
Tuesday, October 1st, 1907,
9:30 O'clock A. M.

The hour having arrived for the convening of the Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives assembled in the lobby of the Neil House, and were escorted to the Masonic Temple by a delegation of the Companions of Columbus Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters.

Opening Exercises.

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, October 1st, A. D. 1907, Y. D. 2907.

The Grand Recorder, as chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported all the Grand Officers, and Eighteen Past Grand Masters, present, and all but one of the Subordinate Councils duly represented. Whereupon Most Illustrious Grand Master Edward H. Archer, with the assistance of the following Grand Officers, viz:

MILTON B. DICKERSON, R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master;
WARREN J. BAKER, R. Ill. Grand Prin. Con. of Work;
ROBERT V. HAMPSON, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer;
WILLIAM E. EVANS, R. Ill. Grand Recorder;
REV. V. F. BROWN, R. Ill. Grand Chaplain;
CHARLES H. GEISSEN, Ill. Grand Capt. of Guards;
I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Ill. Grand Con. of Council;
HUGH V. OLNEY, Ill. Grand Steward;
LEWIS P. SCHAUS, Ill. Grand Sentinel;

Opened the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, in Ample Form, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. After the following prayer by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion V. F. Brown,

O God, our Father. We acknowledge Thee to be our God. We are Thy needy and dependent children. In Thee, we live and move and have our being. Thou art our Father, and we are glad to confess ourselves Thy believing children. We would acknowledge Thy goodness and mercy to us, and as we assemble for our annual gathering, pray Thy presence with us, and Thy blessing upon us. We desire first of all to express our gratitude for the mercies of the past year, and thank Thee for the great success thereof. We thank Thee for the peace and harmony that has prevailed in our Councils. We beseech Thee, preside over our deliberations, that the work and deliberations of this Grand Council may meet Thy approbation. Direct our presiding officer and all the officers and companions in their work, that good only may come from this assembling. May our plans be such as still greater success may follow. Not only do we give thanks for peace and harmony, but for the large increase in the membership of the past year.

But, Father, while we rejoice today for past and present blessings, enjoying each others companionship, we would not forget the homes where sorrow has entered since last we met, and from which loved ones have been called from labor to reward. May the consolations of Thy grace be given them, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. May Thy blessed Holy Spirit, the Divine Comforter, comfort them. Bless us and make us a blessing to others. Give Thy blessing to our Order throughout the world, and help us to manifest in life the professions we make as men and Masons. Forgive our sins, direct us in usefulness and righteousness always, and when the little day is ended and the work assigned us has been done, may we have wrought so well, that we may hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joys of thy Lord", and all this we ask in Thy name and for Thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, Amen.

the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio opened in its Seventy-Eighth Annual Assembly, for the transaction of business.

Address of Welcome.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Orestes A. B. Senter, representing the Companions of the City of Columbus, welcomed the Grand Council of Ohio to the "Capital City" in the following address:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Upon entering the outer door of the Grand Council just now I was informed that the Companion appointed to make an address of welcome to you was absent, and was requested to act in his stead.

No doubt our absent Companion has carefully prepared an eloquent address of welcome, but without preparation and a gift of oratory, on behalf of Columbus Council and of the entire Masonic Fraternity of our City, I do most cordially and sincerely welcome you to our City and Temple.

We trust that our efforts to show our appreciation of your presence, and extend to you our hospitality may merit your commendation. We welcome you as does the bright sunshine of this beautiful October day, and hope your proceedings may be filled with the bright sunshine of harmony and good will, and your legislation prove of great benefit to the Cryptic Rite.

We who have grown gray in the service of our Grand Council extend the right hand of fellowship and encouragement to the younger Companions of the Grand Council, who are just beginning to follow in our footsteps, and we have full confidence in the belief that the younger Companions will extend the warm hand of Companionship to the veteran Companions of our Grand Council who have labored so zealously in its behalf for many years past.

Response

Which was ably responded to by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Nelson Williams.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, and Companions of the Grand Council:

In rising to respond to the address of welcome to which we have just listened, and the courteous and fraternal invitation to once more enjoy the hospitalities of our Columbus Companions, it occurs to me that it may not be amiss, or uninteresting to take a brief retrospect of the Grand Body which has thus been welcomed to this hospitable city. It may be a little unusual, but will surely do no harm.

There has been much speculation as to the origin of the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, and the question has not been satisfactorily settled up to the present time. By some it is contended that they were originally under the jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Others deny this. Our own M. Ill. Companion Cunningham, in his Masonic research, has discovered what he believes to be evidence of the pre-American existence of Cryptic Masonry. This proposition is strongly disputed by eminent Masonic Scholars, and so it is futile for one of ordinary Masonic information to either assert or deny the correctness of the claims made by those who have made a study of the question. We do, however, know that at about the time of the organization of the Grand Council of Ohio, the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, was claiming jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that all of the five Councils which united to form this Grand Council held Charters or Warrants from this Supreme Body there can be but little question. We know that the Councils at Cincinnati, Steubenville and Granville held such warrants, signed by John Barker as General Agent of the Supreme Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite of the United States, and as the Councils at Lancaster and Chillicothe were organized at about the same

time there can hardly be a question as to their being organized under the same authority. Some of these Councils were organized in the latter part of the year 1827 and others in the early part of the year 1828. The first action taken by either of these Councils looking to the formation of this Grand Council, was on October 20th, 1829, when a resolution was adopted by Cincinnati Council No. 1 declaring it expedient to appoint one delegate to attend a convention to meet at Worthington on the second Thursday of January 1830, in order to form a Constitution for a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio. At the same time a Committee of two was appointed to confer with the other Councils of the State and urge them to send delegates to this proposed convention.

This convention was held on Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 1830, instead of the second Thursday as provided in the Resolution adopted by Cincinnati Council, and was attended by representatives from each of the five Councils in the State.

A resolution was adopted finding it expedient to form a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State, and a Committee was appointed to draft and report a Constitution for its government and the government of the subordinate Councils within its jurisdiction. The report of the Committee was read, amended and adopted at an adjourned session held the same day. Thereupon the Convention proceeded to the election of Grand officers to serve until the next stated Assembly of the Grand Council in January 1831. These officers took their proper stations, the Convention was dissolved, and a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was regularly opened according to ancient form and usage.

The proceedings of the Convention were ratified and confirmed, and the Constitution adopted by it was recognized and received as the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio. By-Laws of the Grand Council and General Regulations for the government of Councils of Royal and Select Masters were adopted. A resolution was also adopted directing that the Warrants under which the several

Councils had theretofore worked, be transmitted to the Grand Recorder at the next Assembly of the Grand Council, the same to be safely filed in the archives of the Grand Council, and certificates of the same to be issued as Charters, under the sign manual of the Grand Council.

Thus was organized the Grand Council which is this day assembling in its seventy-eighth Annual Assembly within a few miles of the place of its organization. Except for the years 1832, 1833 and 1851, the Grand Council has not failed to hold its Annual Assemblies. The terrible floods of 1832, and the cholera of 1833 prevented Assemblies being held in those years, and the absence of a quorum prevented an Annual Assembly in 1851. This may appear strange to those who know of our large attendance of recent years, but at that time the meetings of the Grand Council followed those of the Grand Chapter by Constitutional provision, and it happened that so many Companions in attendance on the Grand Chapter who were representatives of subordinate Councils had gone home, that it did not leave a sufficient number to constitute a quorum.

It is not my purpose to attempt a history of this Grand Council at this time, and I only mention these matters to show in the first place that its origin was legitimate and has never been questioned, and secondly, that it has had a steady growth from the beginning.

Like nearly all enterprises its growth at first was slow, hava membership of only 167 at the end of the first fifteen years of its existence. Its membership in 1850 was 326; in 1860 it was 763; in 1870 it was 1275; in 1880 it was 2300; in 1890 it was 2989; in 1900 it was 5188 and today it is 10261.

Not only has this Grand Council exercised jurisdiction and authority over the subordinate Councils of this State, but it has also granted Cryptic authority to Councils beyond our own borders: In 1834 to a Council at Pittsburg; in 1836 to one at Wheeling, W. Va.; in 1838 to one at Richmond, Ind.; in 1843 to one at Niles, Mich.; in 1853 to one at Sacramento, California; in 1855 to Councils at Indianapolis and Shelbyville, Ind.; in

1857 to one at San Francisco, California; in 1857 to Councils at Beloit, Janesville and Madison, Wisconsin; and in 1867 to a Council at Virginia City, Montana. The Grand Council of Ohio has, therefore, had much to do in promoting the Cryptic Rite in other states and in the formation of other Grand Councils.

Three-quarters of a century has passed since the handfull of pioneer Companions, having the courage of their convictions, first assembled to form this Grand Council, and today behold the change. The organization which was then only as an unobserved streamlet rippling through the forest groves, has become a great river of light, bearing upon its bosom the hopes and aspirations of this great army of good men and true, and carrying blessings and smiles to all who drink from its swelling tide. It is today the largest Grand Council in the world, and its annual increase in membership is such that it is destined to long occupy this proud position.

The secret of our success lies in the honest, earnest work of our Companions, and in the effort on the part of the officers of our subordinate Councils to establish and maintain the highest possible proficiency in ritualism, never losing sight of the fact that ritualism, even though perfect, is but the shell, and that the substance is in the principles which lie buried deep in the heart.

We are not vain-glorious because of our present proud position, but our earnest wish is that Cryptic Masonry throughout the world may thrive and prosper, and that other jurisdictions may be blessed with abundant prosperity making it necessary for us to be ever on the alert to retain the prestige we now have.

And now Companion Senter, on behalf of the Grand Council to which I have thus briefly referred, and speaking for its Grand Master, I thank you for your words of welcome, and assure you that we appreciate most highly the fraternal consideration which has ever been shown us by the Cryptic Masons of Columbus. We are not strangers to you, for in 1831 we first assembled in your midst, and since its organization the Grand

Council has met twenty-four times in your city. We accept the hospitality you so generously tender and will endeavor to so demean ourselves while among you as to bring no reproach upon the order and cause you no regret that you have invited us here.

Kindly convey to the Companions whom you represent the fraternal salutations of this Grand Council, and its earnest wish for their continued prosperity and happiness.

Past Grand Masters Present.

Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. SAMUEL W. COURTRIGHT, Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, ... Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, . . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, . . Past M. Ill. Grd. Master

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS PRESENT.

Comp. JACOB H. BROMWELL, ... No. 1
Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, ... No. 1

Comp. JAMES W. IREDELL, Jr., ... No. 1
Comp. JOSEPH KIRKUP, ... No. 1
Comp. FRANCIS M. DEWEESE, ... No. 4
Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, ... No. 4
Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, ... No. 7
Comp. LEWIS P. SCHAUS, ... No. 7
Comp. WALTER F. UPSON, ... No. 7
Comp. EDWARD H. ARCHER, ... No. 8
Comp. HORATIO N. P. DOLE, ... No. 8
Comp. WILDEN E. JOSEPH, ... No. 8
Comp. J. NICK KOERNER, ... No. 8
Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, ... No. 8
Comp. JAMES D. OSBORN, ... No. 8
Comp. WILLIAM F. POLLEY, ... No. 8
Comp. RALPH R. RICKLY, ... No. 8
Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, ... No. 8
Comp. JOSEPH WIGGINS, ... No. 8
Comp. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, ... No. 9
Comp. GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ, ... No. 13
Comp. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, ... No. 15
Comp. GEORGE W. BARRERE, Sr., ... No. 16
Comp. JOHN W. PARSONS, ... No. 17
Comp. WILLIAM E. BANTA, ... No. 17
Comp. NELSON WILLIAMS, ... No. 19
Comp. GEORGE P. CONNER, ... No. 20
Comp. GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, ... No. 22
Comp. GEORGE D. COPELAND, ... No. 22
Comp. MILTON B. DICKERSON, ... No. 22
Comp. LEWIS M. LEA, ... No. 26
Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, ... No. 32
Comp. LEWIS B. SHAW, ... No. 32
Comp. G. W. C. POORE, ... No. 32
Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, ... No. 33
Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, ... No. 33
Comp. CLIFFORD G. BALLOU, ... No. 33
Comp. WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA, ... No. 33

Comp. WARREN J. BAKER, ... No. 33
Comp. HENRY E. MORRISON, ... No. 36
Comp. CHARLES H. GEISSEN, ... No. 36
Comp. ANTHONY W. MAUK, ... No. 39
Comp. JOHN F. LANE, ... No. 40
Comp. E. P. FISHER, ... No. 41
Comp ROBERT V. HAMPSON, ... No. 44
Comp. JOHN G. AUGUSTINE, ... No. 44
Comp. ISAAC L. OPPENHEIMER, ... No. 46
Comp. WILLIAM A. SPILL, ... No. 58
Comp. JAMES S. GILDARD, ... No. 58
Comp. EDWIN HAGENBUCH, ... No. 59
Comp. HORACE M. CROW, ... No. 59
Comp. E. ERWOOD CHENEY, ... No. 59
Comp. SAMUEL W. COURTRIGHT, ... No. 60
Comp. STEPHEN L. GRIGSBY, ... No. 60
Comp. W. S. LEWIS, ... No. 64
Comp. I. H. SMICK, ... No. 65
Comp. JOHN WILSON, ... No. 65
Comp. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, ... No. 70
Comp. FRANK R. CRUMMIT, ... No. 71
Comp. JULIAN E. FAST, ... No. 72
Comp. HUGH V. OLNEY, ... No. 73
Comp. JEWETT PALMER, ... No. 78
Comp. H. E. CARLTON, ... No. 78
Comp. SAMUEL M. JOHNSON, ... No. 79
Comp. GEORGE BILLOW, ... No. 80
Comp. CLARK H. LOUGHRY, ... No. 86
Comp. FRANK H. MARQUIS, ... No. 94
Comp. JOSEPH T. CROXALL, ... No. 95

Subordinate Councils—Representatives Present

CREDENTIAL LIST

No.	NAME	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVES
1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	G. W. Werden
			George W. Fels
2	Union	Steubenville	L. W. Zimmerman
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Albert Scholl
			Wm. E. Evans
7	Bigelow	Newark	Wm. H. Chilcoat
8	Columbus	Columbus	A. A. Williams
			B. P. Jacobs
			Geo. C. West
9	Reese	Dayton	Wm. H. Bussard
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	C. S. Hoskinson
			A. F. Kreager
13	Wooster	Wooster	Geo. J. Schwartz
14	Franklin	Troy	F. Will Steil
15	Athens	Athens	James A. Palmer
			John R. Elder
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	G. W. Barrere, Sr.
17	Springfield	Springfield	C. Emil Laue
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	E. B. Schneider
20	Lima	Lima	George P. Conner
22	Marion	Marion	Geo. H. Van Fleet
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	C. H. Ruggles
26	Sandusky City	Sandusky	James A. Davey
			H. H. Squire
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Lewis B. Shaw
33	Toledo	Toledo	C. E. Chittenden
35	Canton	Canton	Thomas H Currie
36	Cleveland	Cleveland	R. A. Armstrong
39	Hockhocking	Logan	A. W. Mauk
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	L. P. Sturtevant
41	London	London	E. P. Fisher
44	Omega	Salem	John G. Augustine
46	Bosworth	Pomeroy	Wyatt G. Plantz
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Henry E. Lott
50	Findlay	Findlay	George F. Byal
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Geo. Bumgarner
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	Defiance	R. H. Gleason
			G. D. Edgar
56	Gebal	Urichsville	L. F. Romig
58	Warren	Warren	J S. Gildard

No.	NAME	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVES
59	Urbana	Urbana	Thomas Heap
60	Tyrian	Circleville	J. R. Florence
			S. L. Grigsby
64	Fremont	Fremont	W. S. Lewis
65	Kenton	Kenton	John Wilson
			John H. Smick
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	Park S. Bishop
69	Putnam	Ottawa	S. F. DeFord
70	Sidney	Sidney	George B. Toland
71	Trowel	Jackson	W. E. Williams
72	Delphos	Delphos	J. E. Fast
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	R. J. Cavette
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	S. M. Hyde
75	New Lexington	New Lexington	E. M. Braddock
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	William H. Clark
78	Marietta	Marietta	R. B. Hanna
			H. E. Carlton
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	J. P. Purdum
			S. M. Johnson
80	Akron	Akron	C. W. Wickline
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	Not represented
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Frank P. Hale
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	R. V. Vaughan
84	Delaware	Delaware	Harry L. Clark
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Harry S. Kerr
86	Elyria	Elyria	Frank Young
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	Fred P. Houck
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	C. S. North
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	L Henderson
			D B. Edwards
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	H. E. Mickey
91	Matchette	Greenville	S. A. Hawes
92	Ohio	Ironton	T. W. Price
93	Lafayette	Piqua	J. L. Palmer
94	Mansfield	Mansfield	Frank H. Marquis
			John Weil
			E. H. Lindsey
95	Keramos	East Liverpool	J. T. Croxall
96	Wright	Xenia	L. H. Whiteman
97	Barnesville	Barnesville	J. W. Doudna
98	Upper Sandusky	Upper Sandusky	J. W. Byers
			G. W. Sampson
UD	Zabud	Westerville	O. B. Cornell
UD	Fayette	Washington C. H	W. W. Hamilton

Courtesies.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master William T. McLean, introduced the following distinguished Masons to the Grand Council, who were received with Grand Honors, and by Most Illustrious Grand Master Archer, invited to seats in the East.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
General Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of the U. S., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio.
Who responded for the General Grand Council.

GEORGE D. COPELAND,
R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio.
Who responded for the Grand Lodge.

RALPH R. RICKLY,
Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio.
Who responded for the Grand Commandery.

WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM,
LEVI C. GOODALE, and
NELSON WILLIAMS,
Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio. Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Ohio.

LEWIS P. SCHAUS,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio.

ROBERT V. HAMPSON,
Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio.

JACOB H. BROMWELL,
Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Ohio.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio.

And all other Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Most Illustrious Companion Graff M. Acklin then introduced Illustrious Companion William T. McLean, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, also Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, who was received with Grand Honors, and by the Grand Master conducted to a seat in the East.

Companion McLean responded for the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Grand Representatives.

The roll of the Grand Representatives was called and those present responded as their names were called and remained standing, and were received with Grand Honors by the Grand Council. Illustrious Companion William M. Cunningham responded for all in a very able and impressive manner.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Alabama, ...	Comp.	FRANK M. MARQUIS.
Arkansas, ...	"	GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.
California, ...	"	ARTHUR P. CRANE.
Connecticut	"	EDWIN MORRELL.
Colorado, ...	"	CHARLES H. GEISSEN.
Florida, ...	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.

Georgia, ...	Comp.	HENRY E. MORRISON.
Illinois, ...	"	WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.
Indian Territory, . . .	"	GEORGE D. COPELAND.
Indiana, ...	"	NELSON WILLIAMS.
Iowa, ...	"	WILLIAM T. MCLEAN.
Kansas, ...	"	GEORGE P. CONNER.
Kentucky, ...	"	LEVI C. GOODALE.
Louisiana, ...	"	EDWARD H. ARCHER.
Maine, ...	"	JOHN W. PARSONS.
Maryland, ...	"	GRAFF M. ACKLIN.
Massachusetts, ...	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.
Michigan, ...	"	WILLIAM E. EVANS.
Minnesota, ...	"	
Mississippi, ...	"	I. L. OPPENHEIMER.
Missouri, ...	"	ROBERT V. HAMPSON.
Nebraska, ...	"	LEWIS M. LEA.
New Hampshire, . . .	"	JEWETT PALMER.
New Jersey, ...	"	
New York, ...	"	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
North Carolina, . . .	"	WILLIAM E. BANTA.
Oregon, ...	"	WILDEN E. JOSEPH.
Pennsylvania, ...	"	JAMES W. IREDELL, JR.
Vermont, ...	"	JOHN F. LANE.
South Carolina, . . .	"	WARREN J. BAKER.
Tennessee, ...	"	
Washington, ...	"	WILLIAM A. SPILL.
Wisconsin, ...	"	
England and Wales, . .	"	LEWIS P. SCHAUS.
Canada, ...	"	GEORGE W. FELS.
General Grand Council, .	"	ORESTES A. B. SENTER.

Standing Committees.

Credentials—

Companions William E. Evans, G. R
John Wilson,
William H. Chilcoat.

Visitors—
Companions Edwin Morrell, P. G. M.
Alfred A. Williams,
Lutrelle Henderson.

Jurisprudence—
Companions Graff M. Acklin, P. G. M.
Levi C. Goodale, P. G. M.,
George D. Copeland, P. G. M.

Accounts—
Companions Henry E. Morrison, P. G. M.
William H. Bussard,
George H. Van Fleet,

Grievances—
Companions Charles E. Chittenden,
Wyatt G. Plantz,
Jonathan R. Florence.

Charters and Dispensations—
Companions Wm. T. McLean, P. G. M.
William B. Anderson, P. G. M.,
John F. Lane, P. G. M.

Pay Roll—
Companions Lewis B. Shaw,
Robert A. Armstrong,
George J. Schwartz.

Good of the Order—
Companions Orestes A. B. Senter, P. G. M.
Frank H. Marquis,
George P. Conner.

Subordinate Returns—
Companions Jewett Palmer, P. G. M.
L. W. Zimmerman,
Albert Scholl.

Unfinished Business—
Companions Arthur P. Crane, P. G. M.
Charles S. Hoskinson,
Grenville W. Werden.

Foreign Correspondence—

Companions Nelson Williams, P. G. M.
Sanford M. Hyde,
Charles W. Wickline.

Obituary—

Companions Rev. V. F. Brown, Gr. Chap.
James A. Davey,
Judd L. Palmer.

Special Committees.

Ritual—

Companions William A. Spill, P. G. M.
Edward H. Archer, Gr. M.,
William E. Evans, Gr. R.,
Lewis P. Schaus, G. S.

Revision of Constitution and Code—

Companions Nelson Williams, P. G. M.
Levi C. Goodale, P. G. M.,
Jacob H. Bromwell.

Masonic Home—

Companions George D. McBride, P. G. M.
Joseph M. Goodspeed, P. G. M.,
C. Emil Laue.

Topical Reference—

Companions Wm. M. Cunningham, P. G. M.
John G. Augustine,
Julian E. Fast.

Time and Place—

Companions Lewis M. Lea, P. G. M.
George Bumgarner,
Thomas H. Currie.

Annual Address and Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Again we meet in Annual Assembly to exchange greetings of fraternal fellowship and to hear tidings of the successes and adversities of our common cause, as they arise in the ranks of each constituency. The Seventy-Eighth Annual Assembly is now in session and we, in gratitude for this privilege and the blessings of life and health, have, with our Grand Chaplain, bowed in reverence and prayer to Almighty God.

You, the constituent representatives of this Grand Body, bring the glad tidings from your respective Councils which, taken as a whole, evidences the greatest era of prosperity in the ranks of Cryptic Masonry ever borne to a Grand Assembly in this Jurisdiction.

The onward march of time in its ceaseless round has again marked the hour of labor for the consideration of the reports of stewardship of the Officers entrusted with the administration of the affairs of this Grand Assembly one year ago, and it is gratifying that all are present to answer each for himself.

Officers and Companions, I welcome and greet you on this auspicious occasion.

Our Honored Dead.

"Life is a beautiful shell thrown up by the waves
on the shore.
Another is sweeping that strand and the beautiful
shell is no more."

During the year one hundred and twenty-seven Companions of this Jurisdiction have laid aside the working tools of life and passed from the affairs and associations of this world to the eternity of the future. How thankful we are that all of our Official household have been spared to this, our present Grand Assembly.

DAVID C. WINEGARNER,

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER,

1886-1887.

DIED JUNE 17, 1907.

Nevertheless, the silent messenger has entered our ranks and no more can we exchange the welcome greetings of this, our annual assembling, with many loved and familiar faces. Our honored and beloved Companion, David C. Winegarner, Past Grand Master, died at his home in Newark, Ohio on June 17th, 1907.

I immediately communicated with Companion L. P. Schaus, Right Illustrious Grand Sentinel, requesting him to procure a suitable floral emblem and present the same, with the condolence and sympathy of this Grand Council to the bereaved family, with which he promptly complied. I attended the funeral on June 19th, 1907, at Newark, Ohio, which was in charge of Newark Lodge No. 97, F. & A. M. and St. Luke's Commandery No. 34, K. T., where were gathered a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors. On June 27th, 1907, I caused to be issued the following "Memorial."

IN MEMORIAM

Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

Office of the M. Ill. Grand Master,

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council and the several subordinate Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, and all the Grand Councils in Fraternal Correspondence:

It becomes my sad duty to make official announcement that death has entered the circle of our Past Grand Officers, and claimed Most Illustrious Companion,

DAVID C. WINEGARNER

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio, who passed away at his home in Newark, Ohio, June 17, 1907.

Most Illustrious Companion Winegarner was born in Gratiot, Muskingum County, Ohio, November 6, 1833; he located permanently in Newark in 1860.

Companion Winegarner was made a Master Mason in Newark Lodge No. 97, October 18, 1878, and at the first election held thereafter, was elected Treasurer of the Lodge. In 1880 he became Senior Warden, and in 1881 Worshipful Master, serving in the latter office for three years; he was then elected Treasurer again, and served until the time of his death.

He received the Royal Arch degree in Warren Chapter No. 6 of Newark on February 3, 1879, was elected King of the Chapter at the ensuing election, and after serving in this office for three years, was in 1882 elected High Priest; at the end of this term he was elected Treasurer of the Chapter and was serving as such at the time of his death.

The order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him in October, 1883.

On March 5, 1879, he was made a Royal and Select Master in Bigelow Council No. 7 of Newark, and in 1880 was elected Principal Conductor of the Work, which office he filled for three years; he was then chosen Thrice Illustrious Master and served two years, after which he was again elected Principal Conductor of the Work and served for twenty years.

In 1882 Companion Winegarner was elected to the third office in the Grand Council, two years later was promoted to the second, and in 1886 was elevated to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master, and re-elected in 1887.

Companion Winegarner was created a Knight Templar in Newark Commandery No. 34, April 22, 1879, and in 1880 and 1881 served as Junior Warden, in 1882 and 1883 as Prelate, in 1884 became Eminent Commander, serving two years. On the organization of St. Luke's Commandery in November 1886, he was appointed Eminent Commander, and at the next election was chosen Prelate and served as such until his death.

Companion Winegarner received the Ineffable Grades, 4th to 18th inclusive in Enoch Lodge of Perfection, Franklin Council, Princes of Jerusalem

and Columbus Chapter of Rose Croix May 18-19th, 1882, and the Consistorial degrees in Ohio Consistory, March 15th, 1883.

At the session of the Supreme Council N. M. J., held at Boston, Mass., September 15th, 1885, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (33 degree) and elected an honorary member of that body.

In civil life Companion Winegarner commanded the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens. For a number of years he held public offices of trust, serving 15 years as a member of the Board of Education of the City of Newark, and as Mayor for four years.

A good man and true has been called to his reward.

"A Mason true and good,
Sincere in friendship, ready in relief,
Discreet in trusts, faithful in Brotherhood,
Gentle in sympathy and kind in grief."

Let this memorial be read at the first Stated Assembly of each Council of this Jurisdiction after its receipt, and the altars and jewels of our Councils be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days thereafter as a token of our sorrow and a tribute to his memory.

Given under our hand and seal of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio this 27th day of June, 1907.

[SEAL]

E. H. ARCHER,
Grand Master.

Attest:—
WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Grand Recorder.

Other of the Illustrious dead of this Grand Council are:

Cincinnati Council No. 1, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion GEORGE STODDARD, Past T. I. M., died April 5th, 1907.

Zanesville Council No. 12, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion R. H. MCFARLAND, Past T. I. M., died May 8th, 1907.

Cleveland Council No. 36, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion CHAS. A. WOODWARD, Past T. I. M., died Feb. 15th, 1907.

Clinton Council No. 47, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion ASA M. HART, Past T. I. M., died March 26th, 1907.

Trowel Council No. 71, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion GILBERT A. EWING, Past T. I. M., died Aug. 19th, 1907.

New Lexington Council No. 75, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion L. A. TUSSING, Past T. I. M., died Feb. 14th, 1907.

St. Marys Council No. 81, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion E. F. EVERIST, Past T. I. M., died Nov. 19th, 1906.

Delaware Council No. 84, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion SIDNEY MOORE, Past T. I. M., died May 27th, 1907.

Elyria Council No. 86, R. & S. M.

Ill. Companion MOSES H. LEVAGOOD, Past T. I. M., died April 10th, 1907.

Our sorrow is joined with that of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of this State, in the death of Past M. W. Grand Master and Past Grand Generalissimo, Charles A. Woodward.

I have received Memorials announcing the death of distinguished Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions, as follows:

Arkansas.

M. Ill. Companion EDMUND METCALF, Grand Sentinel, died July 19th, 1907.

Connecticut

M. Ill. Companion JOSEPH S. STOKES, Past Grand Master, died July 19th, 1907.

Georgia

M. Ill. Companion W. A. DAVIS, Past Grand Master, died July 19th, 1907.

Illinois

Ill. Companion W. H. PAUL, Grand Marshall, died May 15th, 1907.

M. Ill. Companion PHILANDER, M. BARCLAY, Past Grand Master, died July 6th, 1907.

Ill. Companion ALMOND L. HAMILTON, Grand P. C. of W., died June 15th, 1907.

Massachusetts

Ill. Companion JAMES UTLEY, Deputy Grand Master, died March 15th, 1907.

Ill. Companion JAMES TAYLOR, Grand P. C. of W., died Feb. 23rd, 1907.

Minnesota

Ill. Companion THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder and Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, died Dec. 20th, 1906.

Nebraska

M. Ill. Companion GEORGE W. LINNINGER, Past Grand Master, died June 8th, 1907.

New Hampshire

Ill. Companion ALBERT S. WAITE, Thrice Illustrious Master, died Oct. 7th, 1906.

Washington

M. Ill. Companion WILLIAM H. UPTON, Honorary Past Grand Master, died Nov. 3rd, 1906.

Wisconsin

M. Ill. Companion FRED L. RING, Past Grand Master and Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, died Dec. 14th, 1906.

These Memorials have been turned over to the Obituary Committee for its Fraternal consideration and report.

Approval of Bond.

On November 10th, 1906, I caused the bond of the R. Ill. Grand Recorder for three thousand dollars to be renewed in The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md., for one year, and on December 6th, approved an order on the Treasury for payment of the premium of twelve dollars. Sickness has prevented the execution of a bond by the R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Councils Instituted.

The Grand Council at its last Assembly having granted Charters for Councils at East Liverpool, Xenia, Barnesville and Upper Sandusky, I went to each of the said places and opened the Grand Council in Special Assembly and instituted said Councils in due and regular form, and installed the officers of same, as follows:

November 9th, 1906, Keramos Council No. 95, East Liverpool, the following, as Grand Officers, assisting:

Comp. W. H. Detrich, as Deputy Grand Master.
" F. C. Croxall, as G. P. C. of Work.
" W. A. Rhodes, as Grand Chaplain.
" J. T. Herbert, as Grand Treasurer and Recorder.
" H. Tatgenhors, as G. C. of G.
" Allen Green, as G. C. of C.
" Thomas Darrah, as Grand Steward.
" E. A. Chandler, as Grand Sentinel.

November 12th, 1906, Barnesville Council No. 97, Barnesville, with the following as Grand Officers:

Comp. W. G. Geissen as Deputy Grand Master.
" Frank Collard as G. P. C. of Work.
" Edwin Morrell as Grand Chaplain.
" H. W. Deming as Grand Treasurer.
" Will Daugherty as Grand Recorder.
" L. D. Mozena as G. C. of G.
" W. H. Rietz as G. C. of C.
" M. T. Carns as Grand Steward.
" W. C. Carnahan as Grand Sentinel.

November 19th, 1906, Wright Council No. 96, Xenia. The following assisted as Grand Officers:

Comp. L. P. Schaus as Deputy Grand Master.
" C. A. Weaver as G. P. C. of Work.
" Rev. V. F. Brown as Grand Chaplain.
" Isaac Evans as Grand Treasurer.
" W. E. Evans as Grand Recorder.
" S. M. Shumaker as G. C .of G.
" F. B. Smith as G. C. of C.
" Earl Starbuck as Grand Steward.
" E. E. Swank as Grand Sentinel.

December 11th, 1906, Upper Sandusky Council No. 98, Upper Sandusky, with the following assisting as Grand Officers:

Comp. L. P. Schaus as Deputy Grand Master.
" H. V. Olney as G. P. C. of Work.
" D. E. Fernbaugh as Grand Chaplain.
" D. S. Miller as Grand Treasurer.
" W. E. Evans as Grand Recorder.
" C. F. Tschanan as G. C. of G
" W. A. Gipson as G. C. of C.
" S. N. Clark as Grand Steward.
" J. T. Close as Grand Sentinel.

On the conclusion of the ceremonies of institution and installation of each Council, the Grand Council was closed. Each of these new Councils conferred the degrees with marked proficiency in the ritual and in a manner very commendable to their respective officers. On each of these occasions a most fraternal and hospitable reception was given to the Grand Officers and visiting Companions present.

The work of the year has clearly shown that much resulting good has been attained from the action of this Grand Council in granting the Charters for Councils at each of these localities.

Special Dispensations.

By reason of failure to elect their officers at the Stated Annual Assembly, I have, during the year, issued the following Dispensations to elect and install officers at a stated succeeding Assembly, as follows:

December 5th, 1906. To London Council No. 41.
December 6th, 1906. To Lima Council No. 20.
December 10th, 1906. To Bosworth Council No. 46.
December 10th, 1906. To Union Council No. 2.
December 15th, 1906. To Bellevue Council No. 82.
December 7th, 1906. To Wyoming Council No. 77.

April 4th, 1907. To Conneaut Council No. 40, to hold a Special Assembly at Rock Creek, on April 12th, 1907, for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates regularly elected and residents of that place.

April 18th, 1907. To Wooster Council No. 13, to hold a Special Assembly at Millersburg and confer degrees on regularly elected candidates residing at Millersburg.

April 20th, 1907. Dispensation to Zabud Council U. D., Westerville.

May 6th, 1907. To Cincinnati Council No. 1, to elect and install a Captain of the Guard at its Stated Assembly in May.

May 24th, 1907. Dispensation to Fayette Council U. D., Washington C. H.

Inspection of Councils.

In arranging for the annual inspection of the Councils, I divided them into nine Arches and each Arch into three divisions, and appointed an Inspector for each division, and issued the following order:

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO

Office of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1, A. D., 1907, Y. D. 2907.

To all Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

GREETING:

Pursuant to Resolution *Number Twenty* of the Grand Council I hereby divide the Subordinate Councils of the state into nine Divisions, commonly called "Arches," for inspection purposes, and do hereby appoint and commission "Inspectors" therefor as follows:

FIRST ARCH

Companion Milton B. Dickerson, R. Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Marion, Ohio.

Wooster, No. 13, Canton, No. 35, Gwynn, No. 83

Companion George D. Copeland, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Marion, Ohio.

Kenton, No. 65, Delaware, No. 84.

Companion Frank H. Marquis, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Mansfield, Ohio.

Omega, No. 44, Kinsman, No. 76

SECOND ARCH

Companion Warren J. Baker, R. Illustrious Grand Prin. Con. of Work,
1308 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio.
Lima, No. 20. Fostoria, No. 90. Upper Sandusky, No. 98

Companion George E. Wood, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Bellevue, Ohio.
Findlay, No. 50. St. Marys, No. 81

Companion W. T. S. O'Hara, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Toledo, Ohio.
Marion, No. 22. Clinton, No. 47

THIRD ARCH

Companion B. F. Murphy, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Steubenville, Ohio.
Gebal, No. 56. Bellaire, No. 87. Keramos, No. 95

Companion J. E. Grove, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Urichsville, Ohio.
Union No. 2, Belmont, No. 54

Companion R. H. McFarland, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Zanesville, Ohio.
Marietta, No. 78, Barnesville, No. 97

FOURTH ARCH

Companion W. E. Evans, R. Illustrious Grand Recorder,
Chillicothe, Ohio.
Athens, No. 15, Bosworth, No. 46
Trowel, No. 71, Cleveland, No. 36

Companion W. T. McLean, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master,
Sidney, Ohio.
Logan, No. 85, LaFayette, No. 93

Companion Wyatt G. Plantz, Thrice Illustrious Master,
Pomeroy, Ohio.
Moriah, No. 32, Hock Hocking, No. 39

FIFTH ARCH

Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, R. Illustrious Grand Chaplain,
208 Jackson St., Dayton, Ohio.
Cincinnati, No. 1, Franklin, No. 14, Matchette, No. 91

Companion Nelson Williams, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Hamilton, Ohio.

Reece, No. 9, Wyoming, No. 77

Companion Frank W. Hendley, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hillsboro, No. 16, Hamilton, No. 19

SIXTH ARCH

Companion Chas. H. Geissen, R. Illustrious Grand Capt. of Guards, Room 20 Blackstone Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Conneaut, No. 40, Akron, No. 80, Bellevue, No. 82

Companion William A. Spill, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, 315 Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sandusky City, No. 26, Elyria, No. 86

Companion J. F. Lane, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Conneaut, Ohio.

Norwalk, No. 24, Warren, No. 58

SEVENTH ARCH

Companion I. L. Oppenheimer, R. Illustrious Grand Con. of Council, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Lancaster, No. 88, Solomon, No. 79, Ohio, No. 92

Companion Edwin Morrell, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Columbus, Ohio.

Urbana, No. 59, S. S. Jewell, No. 89, Wright, No. 96

Companion H. M. Crow, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Urbana, Ohio.

London, No. 41, Sidney, No. 70

EIGHTH ARCH

Companion Hugh V. Olney, R. Illustrious Grand Steward, Van Wert, Ohio.

Oc-co-nox-ee, No. 55, Wauseon, No. 68, Delphos, No. 72

Companion Lewis M. Lea, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Sandusky, Ohio.

Springfield, No. 17, Fremont, No. 64

Companion J. E. Fast, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Delphos, Ohio.

Putnam, No. 69, Van Wert, No. 73

NINTH ARCH

Companion Lewis P. Schaus, R. Illustrious Grand Sentinel,
Newark, Ohio,
Columbus, No. 8, Chillicothe, No. 7
Mansfield, No. 94, Toledo, No. 33

Companion David C. Winegarner, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Newark, Ohio.
Tyrian, No. 60, Guernsey, No. 74

Companion Chas. F. Holst, Past Thrice Illustrious Master,
Marietta, Ohio.
Zanesville, No. 12, New Lexington, No. 75

In compliance with the action of The Grand Council approving and confirming—as well as commending—the good results attained by the zealous work of the Councils through the Officers and Companions, and the beneficial results of annual visits by a representative of the Grand Council, it is therefore ordered and directed that the Inspectors herein named, after arrangements for dates therefor have been made, officially visit and inspect the Councils named in his Commission, and make report thereof not later than June 1st, 1907.

Thrice Illustrious Masters will cause this circular to be read in open Council at first Stated Assembly after its receipt, and promptly arrange for Inspection on notice from Inspecting Officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereto subscribe my name and cause the Seal of the Grand Council to be affixed thereto this first day of January A. D. Nineteen hundred and seven, Y. D. Twenty-nine hundred and seven.

[SEAL]

E. H. ARCHER,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM E. EVANS, *Grand Recorder.*

The following summary is given as a record of commendation to the deserving and as an incentive of emulation to the needy:

Councils Inspected.

Sixty-six Chartered; two Under Dispensation.

Total expenses of same.....$272.66

Companions present.....3,204

Officers present at inspection:

All in thirty Councils and two Under Dispensation.

Eight in twenty-three Councils.

Seven in ten Councils.

Six in three Councils.

Stated and Special Assemblies:

Sixteen held twelve Stated.

Six held eleven Stated.

Seven held ten Stated.

Thirteen held nine Stated.

Five held eight Stated.

Six held seven Stated.

Two held six Stated.

Seven held five Stated.

One held four Stated.

Three held three Stated.

Thirty-eight held one hundred and six specials.

Twenty-eight held no specials.

Sixty-three Councils own and use Arches and proper furniture, and four do not.

Fifty-seven Councils own and use robes and three do not.

Arrearages and Suspensions.

Thirty-two Councils have none in arrears for dues not suspended.

Thirty-four Councils have three hundred and twenty-nine in arrears for dues not suspended.

Forty Councils have none under suspension subject to dicipline.

Twenty-six Councils have one hundred and seventy-six under suspension subject to discipline.

In fifty-seven Councils the Annual Report is copied in records and not in nine.

In all the books and records of accounts of Treasurer and Recorder are audited and copied in records in sixty-two and not in four Councils.

Thirty-nine Councils confer the Super-Excellent Master's degree.

Our proud distinction of being the premier Grand Council of the world is the result of zealous work and the united condition of all Councils within our Jurisdiction.

Our membership of more than ten thousand reflects the loyal, zealous and united efforts and energies of the officers and Companions entrusted with the duties, responsibilities and privileges in their respective Councils. These splendid achievements have been aided by the harmonious and united solicitude of Craft, Royal Arch, Cryptic and Templar Masons of this Jurisdiction, and a continuance of these conditions and of this spirit will maintain and increase the standing, worth and opportunities of Cryptic Masonry. Annual Inspections and visits have been productive of much good and have done much to place us in our present exalted position, and, therefore, their continuance is earnestly recommended. All of the Inspectors have promptly and faithfully performed the duties assigned them and have made reports thereof, which are herewith submitted.

Past Grand Master's Jewel

The Grand Council having authorized and appointed a committee for the purpose of procuring and presenting to the retiring Grand Master a Past Grand Master's Jewel, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master W. T. McLean, as chairman of the committee, reported to me that on March 12th, 1907, at a Stated Assembly of Cleveland Council No. 36, on the occasion of the annual inspection, he had presented to Past Grand Master William A. Spill a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Grand Representative near this Grand Council.

Vacancies having occurred, I recommended for appointment as representatives in the following Jurisdictions, the following, and appointments were so made.

England and Wales—M. Ill. Companion Lewis P. Schaus, May 8, 1907.

Oregon—Companion Wilden E. Joseph, June 25, 1907.

Representatives near Sister Jurisdictions.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions, appointments were made as follows:

Maryland—John M. Carter, October 26, 1906.

Arkansas—R. L. Moore, March 26, 1907.

Minnesota—L. A. Countryman, July 29, 1907.

Dispensations for New Councils.

On April 17th, 1907, I received a petition from Companion Otto B. Cornell and eleven other Companions, all Royal and Select Masters, residing in Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio, praying for a Dispensation empowering them to form, open and

hold, according to the usages of the order, a regular Council of Royal and select Masters, to be located in Westerville, and to be known as Zabud Council U. D. The petition was accompanied with the necessary fee, dimits and consent of neighboring Councils and the recommendation of Columbus Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; also a statement of the possible future prospects.

On April 20th, 1907, I issued said Dispensation to said petitioning Companions to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said village of Westerville, to be known as Zabud Council U. D., with Otto B. Cornell, Thrice Illustrious Master; C. L. Brundage, Deputy Illustrious Master, and E. Horlocker, Principal Conductor of Work. On April 29th, 1907, I visited Westerville and duly organized said Council U. D. with a full corps of officers, on which occasion the officers of said Council U. D. conferred the degrees in a very satisfactory manner. I again visited said Council U. D. on August 7th, 1907, at which time the work was well done. The petition and records are herewith submitted with recommendation for favorable consideration.

On May 22nd, 1907, I received a petition from Companion Walter W. Hamilton and ten other Companions, all Royal and Select Masters, residing in Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio, praying for a Dispensation empowering them to form, open and hold, according to the usages of the Order, a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be located in the city of Washington C. H., and to be known as Fayette Council U. D. The petition was accompanied by the necessary fee, dimits and consents of nearest Councils and the consent and recommendation of London Council No. 41, Royal and Select Masters.

On May 24th, 1907, I issued said Dispensation to said petitioning Companions to form, open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in said city of Washington Court House, to be known as Fayette Council U. D., with Walter W. Hamilton, Thrice Illustrious Master; Carns E. Lloyd, Deputy Illustrious Master, and Arthur T. Baldwin, Principal Conductor of the

Work. In due time I issued my proxy to Companion W. E. Evans, R. Illustrious Grand Recorder, to organize said Council U. D., and Companion Evans reported that on June 5th, 1907, said Council U. D. was duly organized with a full corps of officers. It was my privilege and pleasure to meet the Companions of this Council on July 3rd, 1907, and witness the conferring of degrees by the regular officers on twenty-one candidates. The work, paraphanalia and apartments are all up to the requisite standard. The petition and records are herewith submitted with recommendation for favorable consideration.

Ritual Committee.

To assist in the preparation of revision of the Ritual, I requested Companion Lewis P. Schaus to meet with and aid in the work, and have, for that purpose, added him to the committee.

Following the order and direction made by this Grand Council, a revised standard ritual of the Council Degrees with the appendant Honorary Degree, containing the Esoteric and Monitorial Work, was by said committee, formulated, printed and bound, and are now in the custody of the R. Illustrious the Grand Recorder. Each Officer of the Grand Council, and each Past Grand Master, have been likewise furnished a copy, for which their receipts are held by the Grand Recorder. Future distributions of the Ritual are to be made on the requisition of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in pursuance of the laws and regulations of this Grand Council.

Consolidation of Councils Nos. 1 and 77.

On July 25th, 1907, I received certified copies of the records of the proceedings and actions of Wyoming Council No. 77, and Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, under Resolution Number Fifteen, providing for the consolidation of

Councils; and, on examination of said certified records, and finding the same to be regular and in conformity with the provisions of said Resolution Number Fifteen, I thereupon declared said Councils to be consolidated, to be known as Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, and issued the following order:

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO.

Office of the M. Ill. Grand Master,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 25th, 1907.

To Whom it May Concern:

Whereas: Wyoming Council No. 77, Royal and Select Masters, at a Stated Assembly of said Council on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1907, more than sixty days' notice having been given to all the members, by a unanimous vote of all the members present, adopted a resolution to consolidate with Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, pursuant to Resolution Number Fifteen of the Grand Council; and

Whereas: Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, at the Stated Assembly of said Council held on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1907, sixty days' notice having been given to all the members of said Council, did by a unanimous vote of all the members present, adopt the resolution to consolidate with said Wyoming Council No. 77, Royal and Select Masters; and

Whereas: A duly certified copy of the records of said Cincinnati Council No. 1 and Wyoming Council No. 77, have been certified, pursuant to said Resolution Number Fifteen, as therein required and provided;

On examination of the said records aforesaid, and finding the same to have been regular and in conformity with the provisions of said Resolution Number Fifteen: Now, therefore, pursuant to said Resolution, and by virtue of the power in me vested, as Grand Master, do declare the vote of said Wyoming Council No. 77, and said Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters.

to be for the consolidation of said Councils, and the same to be hereafter Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters; the officers of said Cincinnati Council No. 1 to be the officers of said consolidated Council, and all the property and records of the said Wyoming Council to become the property of said consolidated Council, and the officers of said Wyoming Council will govern their action accordingly.

It is further ordered that the Charter and Ritual of said Wyoming Council No. 77 be, by the said officers, sent to W. E. Evans, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, Chillicothe, Ohio.

A copy of this order to be entered on the records of Cincinnati Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters.

Witness my signature and private seal this 25th day of July, A. D. 1907, Y. D. 2907.

[SEAL] E. H. ARCHER,
Grand Master.

Code of Statutes and Regulations.

Proceeding under the authority given by the action of the Grand Council at the Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly, to revise and rearrange the Constitution and By-Laws and prepare a Code of Regulations, I appointed as a committee for that purpose:

Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master, Chairman
Companion LEVI C. GOODALE, Past Grand Master
Companion JACOB H. BROMWELL, Past T. Ill. Master

Said committee prepared a revision and rearrangement of the Constitution and By-Laws and a Code of Statutes and Regulations for the government of this Grand Council and its subordinates, embodying therein the Forms and Ceremonies heretofore adopted. Said report is herewith submitted with recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its consideration and report to this Annual Assembly for its action thereon at this session.

Bills Approved.

During the year I have approved orders on the Treasury for the payment of the necessary expenditures in the Gross Amount of Sixteen hundred and seventy-three dollars and eighty-eight cents ($1673.88), a detailed statement of which will be found in the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder.

Finances and Recommendations.

That there be donated to the Masonic Home, Fifteen hundred dollars.

That there be appropriated for Inspection Expenses, Three hundred dollars.

That there be appropriated a Contingent Fund of Two hundred dollars for the Grand Master.

That a portrait of the Grand Recorder be included in the printed proceedings of this Assembly.

That the names of the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters be printed with their Councils in the Annual Proceedings.

That all officers and members of committees required to meet the day preceding the appointed day of meeting of this Annual Assembly receive pay for one day in addition to the regular allowance.

Decisions.

I have made the following decisions during the year:

Held: That the officers named in the Charter must be installed after the Council is constituted, before the Council can do any work or transact business, said officers so installed to hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

Held: When no rule is prescribed by the Constitution, By-

Laws or Decisions of this Grand Council, the Rule of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in so far as applicable, governs.

Held: That the purpose of a Dispensation is to relieve against some circumstance or event, happening by reason of accident or unforeseen cause or emergency, and cannot be extended to annul the ordinary force of a rule of the Grand Council;

Therefore: The Grand Master cannot, by Dispensation, suspend the rule requiring petitions for the degrees or membership to be received and balloted for at a Stated Assembly.

Nor: To authorize the election of officers at a Special Assembly preceding the time fixed by the Constitution and the By-Laws of a Council.

Nor: By Dispensation, suspend the By-Laws of a Council.

Held: That a By-Law of a Council providing for Annual Election of Officers, other than at the Assembly preceding or succeeding St. John the Evangelist's Day is in conflict with Section Five of the Constitution, and is therefore void.

Held: That the Rank, Title and Prerogative of a Past Thrice Illustrious Master, although acquired as the result of an irregular election, he having served his term for which he was elected, unquestioned and unchallenged, cannot be annulled, rescinded or taken away by any action of a Subordinate body of which he is a member.

Visitations.

During the year I have personally visited the following Councils:

Bigelow, No. 7; Reece, No. 9; Wright, No. 96; Cleveland, No. 36; Steubenville, No. 2; Toledo, No. 33; Marion, No. 22; Dela-

ware, No. 84; London, No. 41; Chillicothe, No. 4; Circleville, No. 60; Kinsman, No. 76; Zabud, U. D. and Fayette, U. D.

Very much to my regret I was prevented from visiting Cincinnati, No. 1, by reason of the high water at that time. I have been present at all save one of the Assemblies of Columbus Council No. 8. On the occasion of each and all of my visits I was received by the Companions with the cordial and fraternal greetings due to the honored station of Grand Master. Their hospitality and social amenities evidenced their loyal love and admiration for the pleasures and enjoyments of this select brotherhood and companionship, and evidenced the fact that its true realization can only come to those who are so honored and favored.

Conclusion.

The work of the year is now before you, and, by you, to be reviewed. I wish to extend my most cordial thanks to my associate Grand Officers for their support and hearty co-operation in the accomplishments of the year; especially do I thank the never tiring and always aiding genial Grand Recorder Evans for his able assistance and advice. My association with you all in the service of the year's work never can be forgotten by him whom you have so loyally supported.

To you, the Representatives of the Subordinate Councils, I beg you receive and communicate to your Companions, one and all, my gratitude and hearty thanks for the great work you have, this year, wrought. In a few hours I shall surrender to my successor the trust which has been in my keeping, and I bespeak for him the same unwavering loyal support you have given me, and for the honors bestowed by you, I am, and always will be, yours to command.

"Thus we close our year with distinct progress made towards the ideal, with greater love, each to the other, with God's bless-

ings richly bestowed upon us, with confidence in the future and with determination to build yet more stately mansions as the swift seasons roll."

"For life is the mirror of king and slave;
'Tis just what you are and do.
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

Fraternally and zealously,
E. H. ARCHER,
Grand Master.

On motion of Companion William M. Cunningham, the address of Most Illustrious Grand Master Edward H. Archer, was referred to the Special Committee on Topical Reference for division and reference.

Report of the Grand Recorder.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 1st, 1907.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

It is with pleasure I submit my fifteenth annual report to this Grand Body. We have had another prosperous year, with sixty-six Chartered Councils and two Councils Under Dispensation, viz: Zabud at Westerville and Fayette at Washington C. H. now on the rolls, with a total membership of 10,261, showing an increase over last year of 1,094, the largest gain in the history of the Grand Council. All reports were in my hands in good time, a few of them slow, but none delinquent, and only a small per-

centage of them requiring sending back for corrections, which speaks well for the several Recorders; every Council Advanced Candidates this year, 64 Councils show gains over last year, and only 4 Councils show loss, and this loss in two of them was caused by members withdrawing to join some new Council, the loss in the other two was caused by Suspension for Non-payment of Dues. A recapitulation of the returns show as follows:

MEMBERSHIP—

Membership July 31, 1906		9,167
Advanced this year		1,243
Admitted this year		113
Re-instated this year		122
Total		10,645
DEDUCT—		
Withdrawn	145	
Died	128	
Suspended N—P—D	106	
Suspended Un—Mas—Con	2	
Expelled	3	384
Present Membership		10,261
A net gain of		1,094

Cash receipts for the year as follows:

Received for Grand Dues	$5,967.50
Dispensation fees as follows:	
Zabud U. D. Westerville	50.00
Fayette U. D. Washington C. H.	50.00
Dues from Companion Byron F. Schultz	1.00
Total receipts	$6,068.50

Which amount has been paid to the R. Ill. Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt herewith.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 2nd, 1907.

Received of William E. Evans, R. Ill. Grand Recorder, the sum of Six thousand and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents, ($6,068.50.)

R. V. HAMPSON,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

The labor of my department of the work of this Grand Body has been made pleasant by the very generous and kind treatment of our Grand Master, and the promptness and assistance of each Recorder, to one and all I say thank you and God speed.

Asking that this report and the Subordinate returns be referred to the Committees on Accounts and Subordinate returns, I am,

Zealously and fraternally yours,
WILLIAM E. EVANS,
Grand Recorder.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committees on Accounts and Subordinate Returns.

Report of Robert V. Hampson, R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

COMPANIONS:

I herewith submit the following report of the funds that have come into my hands as Grand Treasurer since October 2nd, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

1906.	
Oct. 2—Balance cash on hand	$ 6,140.85
1907.	
Oct. 1—Received from the Grand Recorder his receipts for the year	6,068.50
Total receipts	$12,209.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.			
Oct. 2—Pay Roll at Columbus			$ 920.76
Aug. 30—Edwin Morrell,	Order	147	4.40
Oct. 2—W. E. Evans,	Order	148	747.43
Oct. 2—W. A. Spill,	Order	149	126.19
Oct. 2—R. V. Hampson,	Order	150	15.00
Oct. 2—Rev. V. F. Brown,	Order	151	10.00
Oct. 2—Hugh V. Olney,	Order	152	15.00
Oct. 2—Nelson Williams,	Order	153	100.00
Oct. 2—Ohio Masonic Home,	Order	154	2,500.00
Oct. 2—C. C. Bliss,	Order	155	11.40
Oct. 5—Enterprise Printing Co.,	Order	156	25.00
Oct. 10—W. G. Plantz,	Order	157	11.96
Oct. 12—E. H. Archer,	Order	158	30.00
Oct. 22—F. H. Marquis,	Order	159	19.50
Oct. 25—E. A. Armstrong,	Order	160	13.00
Nov. 7—H. W. Mordhurst,	Order	161	183.34
Dec. 6—Premium on bond,	Order	162	12.00
Dec. 10—E. H. Archer,	Order	163	30.00
Dec. 13—W. A. Spill,	Order	164	8.00
1907.			
Jan. 9—The Scholl Printing Co.,	Order	165	446.43
Jan. 9—Enterprise Printing Co.,	Order	166	42.50
Jan. 11—Michie Brothers,	Order	167	57.00
Feb. 5—The Scholl Printing Co.,	Order	168	12.50
Feb. 5—E. H. Archer,	Order	169	30.00
Feb. 5—W. T. McLean,	Order	170	10.35
Apr. 13—D. C. Winegarner,	Order	171	8.20
Apr. 13—L. M. Lea,	Order	172	13.80
Apr. 16—W. A. Spill,	Order	173	5.95
Apr. 17—W. J. Baker,	Order	174	12.85
Apr. 19—C. H. Geissen,	Order	175	6.00
Apr. 19—Nelson Williams,	Order	176	3.75
Apr. 19—G. D. Copeland,	Order	177	2.00
Apr. 23—V. F. Brown,	Order	178	8.70
Apr. 23—R. H. McFarland,	Order	179	3.60
Apr. 23—W. E. Bowers,	Order	180	5.25
Apr. 25—C. F. Holst,	Order	181	13.00
May 2—I. L. Oppenheimer,	Order	182	23.31
May 9—B. F. Murphy	Order	183	5.15
May 18—Edwin Morrell,	Order	184	16.20
May 18—Warren J. Baker,	Order	185	4.60

May 18—W. T. McLean,	Order 186.....	3.50
May 18—W. T. S. O'Hara,	Order 187.....	5.60
May 22—E. H. Archer,	Order 188.....	30.00
May 24—Horace M. Crow,	Order 189.....	5.70
June 10—W. G. Plantz,	Order 190.....	8.70
June 10—W. E. Evans,	Order 191.....	51.40
June 11—Lewis P. Schaus,	Order 192.....	26.80
June 12—Hugh V. Olney,	Order 193.....	13.10
June 18—George E. Wood,	Order 194.....	10.70
June 18—J. E. Grove,	Order 195.....	1.90
June 21—J. E. Fast,	Order 196.....	4.55
June 24—John F. Lane,	Order 197.....	5.40
June 24—F. W. Hendley,	Order 198.....	3.40
June 24—Mrs. J. L. Miller,	Order 199.....	20.00
June 25—F. H. Marquis,	Order 200.....	7.90
June 25—H. M. Crow,	Order 201.....	4.00
July 1—M. B. Dickerson,	Order 202.....	16.45
July 30—The Bradley Sorin Co.,	Order 203.....	498.50
Aug. 17—The Scholl Printing Co.,	Order 204.....	31.55
Total		6,263.27
Balance October 1, 1907.....		$5,946.08

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT V. HAMPSON,
R. Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Which, with vouchers, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Topical Reference

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee on Topical Reference to whom the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master has been referred for division and reference, respectfully recommend that so much as relates to deceased Companions be referred to the Committee on Obituary.

That so much as relates to the Inspection of Subordinate Councils be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

That so much as refers to arrearages and suspensions be referred to the same Committee.

That so much as relates to the Constitution of Councils and Dispensations for the establishment of new Councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the publication of the Esoteric Ritual, to the Code, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Council and to the decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master be and are hereby referred to the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Appropriations and expenditures be referred to the Committee on Accounts and that all other matters therein be and are hereby approved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
JOHN G. AUGUSTINE,
JULIAN E. FAST.

Committee

Report of the Trustee of the Masonic Home

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council.

COMPANIONS:

As the printed report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending July 31, 1907, has been placed in the hands of all the members of the Grand Council, it is unnecessary for me to go into any statement of detail or statistics, but I will merely say that the Board hopes you will give it a careful examination and scrutiny and make any suggestions that may occur to you for the betterment of the Home.

Nothing of exceptional interest has occurred in its affairs during the past year but it has gone on in its work of beneficence, doing your mission of assisting the old, the poor, and unfortunate brethren, their wives and widows, who are fast approaching their final journey to the unknown home, and the little children of our brethren are being provided for and trained to meet the care and responsibilities of life which they must assume on leaving the Home. In this great work we have had the conscientious and intelligent superintendence of Brother John W. Parsons and his estimable wife.

A reference to the report will show that we now have enrolled 156 inmates, and we are now making an addition to our building, the expense of which will be met by contributions from the Scottish Rite Bodies of the State, which will enable us to largely increase the number we can care for without increasing to any considerable extent the cost of their maintenance. This addition we hope to have ready for use by the first of next year.

Thanks to the liberality of the Masonic Grand Bodies, and the individual members of the Order, we are able to report that our income has practically met our expenses, the deficit being much less than heretofore, and that the natural increase of membership and the consequent increase in per capita taxes on members of the Lodges and Chapters of the State will, we believe, prevent any deficit whatever in succeeding years.

I am also pleased to inform you that the permanent or endowment fund has had a very substantial increase since last year and now amounts to $74,149.33. This is all invested in interest bearing securities and the interest as it falls due is added to the principal, so that the fund ought to grow rapidly if increased from year to year by contributions as liberal as made in the past by the various Grand Bodies.

The Trustees have therefore delegated me to ask this Grand Body to donate out of your abundance from the balance in your treasury such an amount as you feel warranted in giving and particularly to help us in building up the endowment fund to make it some day sufficient to support the institution from its increment alone.

To those of you who have never visited the Home we earnestly urge you to take this opportunity of doing so. It is only a few miles away and a personal visit and inspection will give you a better conception of its beauty and usefulness than any mere report. To one and all we extend an invitation to visit it at any time you can do so. You will come away from such a visit with gladdened hearts that the great fraternity is doing so much to relieve the distresses of the unfortunate and to care for the children of our dead brethren.

On behalf of the Trustees I request that you will cause your Recorder to make the usual excerpts from the printed report and publish the same in your Annual Proceedings.

Fraternally,

J. H. BROMWELL,

Trustee O. H. M. for the Grand Council R. & S. M.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Report of Special Committee on Masonic Home.

Companion George D. McBride, Chairman of the Special Committee on Masonic Home, presented the report of the Committee, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Your Committee respectfully report that we have conferred with the Committee on Accounts, and take pleasure in reporting that an appropriation will be recommended by said Committee of One thousand ($1,000.00) dollars to the Endowment Fund, and Five hundred ($500.00) dollars to the General Fund of the Home, for which we feel that the residents of the Home will be truly grateful.

Zealously Submitted,

GEORGE D. MCBRIDE,

JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED,

C. EMIL LAUE,

Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF OFFICERS OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME SPRINGFIELD, 1907.

OFFICERS

J. W. Iredell, Jr., President; William J. Akers, First Vice President; Edwin L. Lybarger, Second Vice President; Edward Harford, Treasurer; John W. Parsons, (Springfield) Superintendent and Secretary.

TRUSTEES

REPRESENTING THE GRAND LODGE—Leander Burdick, Toledo; George D. McBride, Gallipolis; Edwin L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain; Edward Harford, Springfield; Nelson Williams, Hamilton; Carroll F. Clapp, Warren.

REPRESENTING THE GRAND CHAPTER—James W. Iredell, Jr., Cincinnati; Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati; Gibson H. Robinson, Cleveland.

REPRESENTING THE GRAND COUNCIL—Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.

REPRESENTING THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Martin J. Houck, Dayton; John P. McCune, Columbus; A. Frank Vance, Jr., Urbana.

REPRESENTING THE A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE—William B. Melish, Cincinnati; William J. Akers, Cleveland.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE—Levi C. Goodale, Edward Harford, Nelson Williams, A. Frank Vance, Jr., William J. Akers.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE—Gibson H. Robinson, George D. McBride, Martin J. Houck, Carroll F. Clapp, James W. Iredell, Jr.

FINANCE—William B. Melish, Leander Burdick, Jacob H. Bromwell, Edwin L. Lybarger, John P. McCune.

AUDITING—William B. Melish, Jacob H. Bromwell.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 1, 1907.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN:—I submit herewith my annual report of the affairs of the Home for the fiscal year, ending July 31, 1907:

GENERAL FUND

On hand July 31, 1906	$	2,263 55
Receipts		37,493 16
	$	39,756 71
Disbursements		35,890 46
Balance on hand	$	3,866 25

ENDOWMENT FUND

On hand July 31, 1906	$	60,504 60
Receipts		14,320 98
	$	74,825 58
Disbursements		676 25
Balance on hand	$	74,149 33

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

On hand July 31, 1906	$	252 68
Receipts		151 00
	$	403 68
Disbursements		390 35
Balance on hand	$	13 33

BUILDING FUND

On hand July 31, 1906	$	510 00
Receipts, interest		20 60
Balance on hand	$	530 60

LIBRARY FUND

On hand July 31, 1906	$	1,000 00
Receipts, interest		40 00
	$	1,040 00
Disbursements, W. B. Melish, Chairman, for investment		40 00
Balance on hand	$	1,000 00

ALL FUNDS

Total on hand in all funds	$	79,559 51

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund receipts were from the following sources:

Edward Harford, Treasurer—Interest on deposits	$	1,021 33
John Heilman—Care of child		37 60
Julius Welsch—Care of children		71 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Per capita tax		19,531 50
Grand Lodge of Ohio—Donation		6,000 00
Grand Council of Ohio—Donation		500 00
Grand Chapter of Ohio—Per capita tax		5,674 75
Grand Chapter of Ohio—Donation		500 00
Grand Commandery of Ohio—Donation		3,500 00
J. Guy Deming, Guardian—Care of Children		154 00
Chas. L. Katzenberger, Greenville—Donation		5 00
Halcyon Lodge, No. 498, Cleveland—Donation		200 00
J. W. Parsons, Superintendent—Sundry receipts		122 00
Home City Brewing Co.—For gate valve		40 00
Landau & Schadel—For old iron		75 00
Cheviot Lodge, No. 140, Cincinnati—St. John's day collection		60 98
	$	37,493 16

ENDOWMENT FUND

We are indebted as follows for the increase in the Endowment Fund:

Grand Council of Ohio, R. & S. M.	$	2,000 00

Grand Chapter of Ohio, R. A. M.	2,000 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A. M.	6,000 00
Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Ohio	500 00
Edward Harford, Treasurer, interest on bonds and deposits	2,367 83
N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati	25 00
Bigelow Lodge, No. 243, Cleveland	100 00
Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, Cleveland	100 00
Alkoran Temple, N. M. S., Cleveland	200 00
Mrs. Minnie Stull Harris, Warren, bequest made by her father, our late president, Bro. John M. Stull	1,000 00
Acacia Chapter, No. 105, O. E. S., Bond Hill	28 15
	$ 14,320 98

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED

BETTERMENTS—MAIN BUILDING

Fixtures and Plumbing	$ 149 16
Bedding	219 87
House furnishings	119 37
Household and kitchen utensils	15 43
Library	40 00
Miscellaneous	64 29
Power plant and machinery	296 81
Tableware	13 68
Tools	64 29
	$ 982 90

BETTERMENTS—GROUNDS

From General Fund	$ 167 41
From Ground Improvement Fund	390 35
	$ 557 76

BETTERMENTS—FARM AND BARN

Cows	$ 100 00
Chickens	9 45
Farm machinery	70 31

Harness		26 96
New building		611 83
Miscellaneous		24 24
	$	842 79

ENDOWMENT FUND

Premium and interest on bonds	$	118 25
Turner E. Morehead—Refunder		558 00
	$	676 25

MAINTENANCE

MAIN BUILDING

Amusements, music, etc	$	78 05
Bedding		26 11
Clothing, dry goods, etc		1,461 14
Drugs, nursing and other hospital expenses		1,768 46
Expenses of trustees		318 78
Freight and drayage		59 87
Funerals		299 70
Heat and light		3,946 45
House furnishings		118 36
Household and kitchen needs		374 88
Insurance		712 47
Ice		141 37
Laundry supplies		553 60
Miscellaneous		174 30
Printing, stationery and office expenses		262 19
Payroll, main building and general		6,099 84
Power plant and machinery		572 28
Repairs		772 57
Shoes		507 02
School expenses		108 13
Telephones		51 65
Transportation		543 05
Toilet needs		107 60

Tobacco	202 40
Tableware	126 28
Table supplies	11,087 37
Fire protection	9 80
	$ 30,483 72

FARM AND BARN

Payroll	$ 2,028 47
Barn incidentals, shoeing, etc	172 25
Farm and barn implements	54 11
Seeds, plants, etc	35 97
Harness	14 50
Veterinary services	3 20
Road vehicles	22 50
Stock feed	1,113 89
Miscellaneous	8 75
	$ 3,453 64
Disbursements for betterments, main building	$ 982 90
Disbursements for betterments, grounds	557 76
Disbursements for betterments, farm and barn	842 79
Disbursements for maintenance, main building	30,483 72
Disbursements for maintenance, farm and barn	3,453 64
Disbursements from Endowment Fund	676 25
	$ 36,997 06

Amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies of Ohio at the sessions of 1906:

Grand Lodge	$ 31,531 50
Grand Chapter	8,174 75
Grand Council	2,500 00
Grand Commandery	3,500 00
Grand Council Anointed High Priests	500 00
	$ 46,206 25

AVERAGE PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE

Average per capita cost per resident for maintenance of the Home for the year, basing the number at 180, this being the average present during the twelve months, $188.54. This includes all the items of expense given under the head of maintenance, such as amusements, clothing, drugs, nurses and other hospital expenses, freight, funerals, heat and light, household and kitchen needs, insurance, ice, laundry, printing, payroll, machinery, repairs, school, tobacco, table supplies, feed for stock and other farm necessities, etc.

DISCHARGES

The following were given discharges during the year:
John B. Burley, Antwerp
John Nicholson, Cleveland
Mrs. Lucinda A. Winget, Marysville
Merle C. Smith, (boy), Elyria
Armond V. Graves (boy), Somerset

POSITIONS OR HOMES FOR CHILDREN

The folowing children, who had grown up with us, and reached the proper age to become self-sustaining, were secured positions, or homes, and granted leaves of absence for the purpose of filling them, and we are pleased to say that all are doing well. Officers of Lodges where they are located are requested by the Board of Trustees to give the children some attention:

BOYS

Charles S Randall, at Columbus
Freeman W. S. Humphrey, at Dayton
Clyde Chamberlain, at Cleveland
Dyke D. Wetherell, at Lima
Lynn Fullington, at Crooksville
William Lee Kintner, at Milford Center
Karl F. Meyer, at Ada
Richard T. Gerken, at Marietta
Arthur A. Swartz, at Columbus
Horace B. Moore, at Fultonham

GIRLS

Maud E. McHenry, at Duncan Falls
Lulu Hoch, at Clyde
Vera D. Elsea, at Fostoria
Vella S. Randall, at Columbus
Rose McCullough, at Cincinnati
Ursula M. Heilman, at Springfield
Ruth P. Heilman, at Ada
Oread Fay Wetherell, at Lima
Bernice Fullington, at Ada
Francis I. Kinter, at Dayton
Isabel Miller, at Springfield
Charma M. Moore, at Fultonham

Fifteen of our adult residents have passed away during the year, as follows:

John Spengler, November 6, 1906, inflamation of liver and old age; age 83.

William Hulse, November 20, 1906, age and general debility; age 88.

William C. Welling, December 8, 1906, of epilepsy; age 64.

Fannie L. Richards, January 6, 1907, of general debility; age 81.

Margaret J. Voris, February 2, 1907, of senile dementia and old age; age 78.

Jerome B. Hall, February 5, 1907, pneumonia and old age; age 81.

Charles Zanona, March 16, 1907, of general debility and old age; age 80.

Sophia T. Abbott, March 16, 1907, of chronic bronchitis and old age; age 76.

Eliza Sillito, April 4, 1907, of general debility and hemorrhage of bowels; age 81.

John W. Silcott, April 29, 1907, of general debility and old age; age 74.

James G. O'Neal, May 6, 1907, of general debility and old age; age 89.

Robert P. Thompson, June 16, 1907, of scrofula and general debility; age 77.

Erskine L. Babcock, June 17, 1907, of diabetes; age 68.

William Itchner, July 16, 1907, of general debility; age 77.

Robert Greenhalgh, July 27, 1907, of convulsions and old age; age 79.

Bros, Welling, Thompson and Mrs. Sillito were buried in the Home Cemetery, the others having been conveyed to their former homes for interment.

Number of residents now on the rolls:

Men	63
Women	42
Boys	28
Girls	23
Total	156

OUR VISITORS

Kilwinning Lodge.

September 2, 1906, we were favored with a visit from the members of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 456, of Cincinnati, accompanied by their families; a large number were present, and so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that they promised to come again soon, which we trust they will do, assuring them of a welcome.

The Grand Lodge.

October 10, 1906, the members of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by their ladies, came over from Columbus by special train, about 800 being present. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the visit was a success. They were greeted on their entrance with a song of welcome by the children, and a happy speech from Bro. W. B. Melish, of the Board of Trustees. The Home was thrown open in all its departments, and a

thorough nispection made thereof, and, judging from the expressions heard, they were not disappointed, but were, on the contrary, charmed with our beautiful Home. It was the first visit of many of the members, and we are sure that none went away dissatisfied or feeling that their money had not been well invested and bringing in good results.

Reed Commandery, No. 6, K. T., Dayton.

Every summer Reed Commandery honors us with a visit, sometimes in the evening, other years in the afternoon and evening. This was picnic year, when they came early in the afternoon, June 26th, bringing provisions for all in the Home as well as for themselves, in great abundance, prepared by the ladies of the Commandery. Also tobacco for the men, candy for the women and children, all sorts of amusing games for the little ones. These games were played on the lawns, the Sir Knights taking as much pleasure in them as the children themselves. A first class band accompanied the party, giving us excellent music at intervals during their entire stay. Tables were spread on the lawns and at 6 o'clock supper was called, and of course everybody responded promptly. All the good things imaginable were there in plenty, to which full justice was done. In the evening the dining room was cleared of tables and soon filled with merry dancers.

In the midst of the festivities, Grand Master Horace A. Irwin was called upon for a speech, to which he responded in his usual happy manner. Appropriate remarks were also made by Sir Knights Eberhardt, Flotren, Marshall and Johnston, the Superintendent of the Home returning thanks for the visit and the liberality of the members of Reed and their ladies.

These events have become quite a feature of our Home life, and are looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by all of the Home people.

Entertainment by the Children.

The Scottish Rite bodies of Columbus invited the children of the Home to visit that city on the 30th of November, 1906, and give an entertainment in the Masonic Temple, all the expenses of the trip, including transportation, to be borne by those bodies and the entire proceeds to be turned over to the children as a Christmas gift. The invitation was gladly accepted. Committees met them at the depot, and escorted them to the temple, an excellent supper furnished, and a lunch for the return trip. In the evening the show was given, a cantata called the "Queen's Surprise," to a good house of enthusiastic friends. All seemed pleased, and the children made happy by the liberal applause and exceedingly kind treatment.

One hundred and ninety-four dollars was realized and placed in the Christmas Fund.

Brethren, many, many thanks.

Entertainment Repeated.

The children were invited by Clark and Anthony Lodges of this city to repeat their show for the pleasure of their friends in our Home City. The invitation was again accepted, committees were appointed by the Lodges, and hundreds of tickets were sold (one Brother, Charles P. Bruner, alone selling over 600). The entertainment was given on the evening of December 20, 1906, at the Grand Opera House to a crowded house. That the children did well was shown in the very liberal applause, and the many nice things said after the performance. One hundred and eighty-five dollars and thirty cents was realized for the Christmas Fund.

The children are trained for these entertainments by Miss Belle Albin and Miss Jessie M. Parsons.

Picnic by Clark and Anthony Lodges.

July 17, 1907, the above Lodges gave a picnic at Spring Grove Park, this city, extending an invitation to the people of the Home to join them as their guests, all expenses to be borne by the Lodges. The invitation was accepted, special cars furnished for their transportation, a splendid supper provided, and all sorts of amusements arranged for the children, and a fine performance given in the Casino to which old and young were admitted. The brethren and their good wives and children took especial pleasure in serving the wants of the Home people and seeing that they had a good time. The whole affair was a great success, and we feel under many obligations to the various committees, and all others concerned in giving us this delightful outing.

Additional Story on Dining Room.

Finding our quarters becoming somewhat crowded, the Board of Trustees at the meeting in January last resolved to ask the Scottish Rite bodies of the state to furnish $15,000 for the purpose of building an additional story on the dining room building and furnishing same, thus adding about thirty bed rooms to our present capacity. The matter was taken up by the Council of Deliberation at the meeting held in Cincinnati in February last. A committee of one from each Lodge of Perfection in the State was appointed to solicit funds from the brethren of the Rite, with Bro. D. N. Kinsman of Columbus, as Chairman. The response has been most generous, $16,400 being now pledged for the improvement. The work is now going ahead and will be finished this year.

We are grateful to our Scottish Rite friends for their liberal and prompt compliance with the request.

will notice from the ages of our dead that all were advanced in years save two, and these were much afflicted when they arrived here. We have lost but one child in our entire history, and that was caused from disease contracted away from the Home.

Our Home physician, Dr. W. A. Smith, is faithful and skillful in his treatment, but no skill or faithfulness can prevent the infirmities and diseases of old age. We still have on our rolls thirty-four above 80 years, four of them above 90 years, Uncle Joe Byers and his good wife having each reached their 93rd year. The average age of our old folks is 75 years.

Dr. W. A. M. Hadley is still serving us as oculist and aurist without compensation, and is very successful in relieving troubles in that line. We appreciate his services very much.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. PARSONS,

Superintendent and Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME, AUGUST 1, 1907.

GENERAL FUND

Cash on hand last report Aug. 1, 1906..	$ 2,263 55	
Receipts as per vouchers from 5,310 to 5,379 inclusive, except as specified below	37,493 16	
	$ 39,756 71	
Disbursements as per orders from 6,563 to 7,131 inclusive except as specified below	35,890 46	
		$ 3,866 25

ENDOWMENT FUND

On hand last report, Aug. 1, 1906.....	$ 60,504 60	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,315-18-21-32-3-6-7-8-42 - 43-9-50-1-2-3-4-8-62-70-1-2-3-4 and 7.....	14,320 98	
	$ 74,825 58	
Disbursements as per orders 6,694 and 6,860	676 25	
Balance in Endowment Fund.....		$ 74,149 33

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1906..	252 68	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,340 and 5,368	151 00	
	$ 403 68	
Disbursements as per orders 6,586-7-6,644-5-58-9, 6,723, 6,961, 7,012-13-64 and 7,112.....	390 35	
		13 33

BUILDING FUND

Cash on hand last report, Aug. 1, 1906..$	510 00	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,344 and 5,369	20 60	
Balance on hand.....		530 60

LIBRARY FUND

New Richmond, O., bonds on hand.....$	1,000 00	
Receipts as per vouchers 5,344 and 5,369		
	$ 1,040 00	
Disbursements as per orders 6,790 and 7,039	40 00	
Balance on hand.....		1,000 00

Total cash and bonds in hands of Treasurer August 1, 1907..... $ 79,559 51

There have been paid during the year (and included in the above) $3,450.76 interest on bonds and cash balances.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD HARFORD,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 6, 1907.

To the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, having in charge the Library Fund of the Home, beg to report the following receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year ending with August 1, 1907:

RECEIPTS

August 1, 1906—Cash on hand.....	$ 244 12	
December 10, 1906—Interest on bonds..	20 00	
December 31, 1906—Interest on balance in bank (3 per cent annually).....	7 50	
June 15, 1907—Interest on bonds.....	20 00	
Total	$ 291 62	

EXPENDITURES

No purchases have been made during the year.

BALANCES

Balance cash on hand Aug. 1, 1907..	$ 291 62
August 1, 1907—Investment in bonds...	1,000 00
Balance in Library Fund August 1, 1907	$ 1,291 62

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MELISH,

Chairman Library Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1907.

To the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home:

BRETHREN:—Your Auditing Committee begs to report that it has checked up the entries and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer and verified the footings and balances and find the same correct.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions beginning August 1, 1906, and ending July 31, 1907:

RECEIPTS

General Fund	$ 37,493 16	
Endowment Fund	14,320 98	
Ground Improvement Fund	151 00	
Library Fund	40 00	
Building Fund	20 60	
Total receipts		$ 52,025 74

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	$ 35,890 46	
Ground Improvement Fund	390 35	
Library Fund	40 00	
Endowment Fund	676 25	
Total disbursements		$ 36,997 06
Excess receipts over disbursements		$ 15,028 68

To this add balances of July 31, 1906:

General Fund	$ 2,263 55	
Endowment Fund	60,504 60	
Ground Improvement Fund	252 68	
Building Fund	510 00	
Library Fund	1,000 00	
Total		$ 64,530 83
Making total balance July 31, 1907		$ 79,559 51

The account with the various funds in detail is as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Balance July 31, 1906	$ 2,263 55	
Receipts	37,493 16	
Total		$ 39,756 71
Disbursements (deduct)		35,890 46
Balance July 31, 1907		$ 3,866 25

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance July 31, 1906	$ 60,504 60	
Receipts	14,320 98	
Total		$ 74,825 58
Disbursements (deduct)		676 25
Balance July 31, 1907		$ 74,149 33

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance July 31, 1906	$ 252 68	
Receipts	151 00	
Total		$ 403 68
Disbursements (deduct)		390 35
Balance July 31, 1907		$ 13 33

LIBRARY FUND

Balance July 31, 1906	$ 1,000 00	
Receipts	40 00	
Total		$ 1,040 00
Disbursements (deduct)		40 00
Balance July 31, 1907		$ 1,000 00

BUILDING FUND

Balance July 31, 1906	$ 510 00	
Receipts	20 60	
Total		$ 530 60
Disbursements		.....
Balance July 31, 1907		$ 530 60

RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES

General Fund	$ 3,866 25
Endowment Fund	74,149 33
Ground Improvement Fund	13 33
Library Fund	1,000 00
Building Fund	530 60
Total	$ 79,559 51

SECURITIES

We have carefully examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, being the deposit books of the various savings banks with which the funds are deposited, and the bonds in the possession of the Treasurer, and we find the following funds standing to the credit of the Home, viz:

GENERAL FUND

Pass book No. 70,718, Springfield Savings Bank	$ 3,866 25	
		$ 3,866 25

ENDOWMENT FUND

Pass Book No. 14,218, Citizens' Saving and Trust Co., Cleveland	$ 5,000 00	
Pass Book No. 4,014, Guardian Savings and Trust Co., Cleveland	10,000 00	
Pass Book No. 273,415, Society for Savings, Cleveland	5,000 00	

Pass Book No. 68,932, Springfield Savings Bank	4,149 33	
Youngstown, O., School Bonds	5,000 00	
Reading, O., Waterworks Bonds	3,000 00	
Wellsville, O., Refunding Bonds	10,000 00	
West Milton, O., Waterworks Bonds	2,000 00	
Celina, O., Street Improvement Bonds	10,000 00	
Cleveland, O., Sewer Bonds	10,000 00	
Toledo, O., Waterworks Bonds	6,000 00	
Toledo, O., Street Improvement Bonds	4,000 00	
Total		$ 74,149 33

GROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Pass Book No. 63,594, Springfield Savings Bank	$ 13 33	
		$ 13 33

LIBRARY FUND

New Richmond, O., Waterworks Bonds	$ 1,000 00	
		$ 1,000 00

BUILDING FUND

Pass Book No. 64,285, Springfield Savings Bank	$ 530 60	
		$ 530 60
Total July 31, 1907		$ 79,559 51

As heretofore reported by your committee, the books and vouchers of both of these faithful officers have been correctly, carefully and neatly kept, and all entries, footings and balances as shown thereby are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BROMWELL,

NELSON WILLIAMS,

Auditing Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Companion Arthur P. Crane, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported for the Committee as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

COMPANIONS:

Your Committee begs leave to report that the only matters of Unfinished Business which it finds, refer to questions of amendment or changes in the Code governing the Grand and Subordinate Councils and Members.

The Committee appointed to revise and report a new Code to the Grand Council has, as we are informed, taken cognizance of these matters, and we therefore report that we find no Unfinished Business, as such for action by this Grand Council.

Courteously and zealously submitted,

A. P. CRANE,
C. S. HOSKINSON,
G. W. WELDEN,
Committee.

Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Nelson Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee and asked that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Assembly.

On motion, it was so ordered.

Pay Roll.

On motion of Companion Joseph Kirkup the Committee on Pay Roll were instructed to provide one day's per diem.

Recess.

On motion of Companion Levi C. Goodale, it was agreed that when this Grand Council takes a recess, it shall re-assemble at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the first order of business on the re-assembling be the election of Grand Officers.

On motion, the Grand Council now recessed, until 2 o'clock P. M.

EDWARD H. ARCHER,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM E. EVANS,
R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Council reconvened, invocation by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion Rev. V. F. Brown.

Election of Grand Officers.

The time having arrived for the special order of business, viz: the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, the Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed

Companions JOSEPH KIRKUP,
FRANK L. BEGGS,
WYATT G. PLANTZ,

as tellers, and choice was made by ballot, as follows, viz:

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Companion MILTON B. DICKERSON, Marion.
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,
Companion WARREN J. BAKER, Toledo.
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
Companion CHARLES H. GEISSEN, Cleveland.
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
Companion ROBERT V. HAMPSON, Salem.
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder,
Companion WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.

Telegram from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

DAYTON, OHIO, October 1st, 1907.

EDWARD H. ARCHER, *Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio.*

Greetings and best wishes to the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Ohio. Regret exceedingly my inability to be present and present them in person.

HORACE A. IRWIN,
M. W. Grand Master

Response by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 1st, 1907.

HORACE A. IRWIN, *Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio.*

Reciprocating your fraternal greeting, the Grand Council wishes you and the Grand Lodge of Ohio, prosperity and happiness.

EDWARD H. ARCHER,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion William A. Spill offered the following resolution of thanks to the Companions of the City of Columbus, Ohio, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the continued courtesies and kindnesses of our good Companions of Columbus, and especially those rendered at this our *Seventy-Eighth* Annual Assembly are deserving of our warmest thanks and that by this formal resolution we give expression to our deep appreciation of their kindly, tactful solicitude for our welfare and happiness while in their midst.

Cryptic Jurisprudence.

Companion Graff M. Acklin, Chairman of the Committee, made report of the Committee as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully considered the several matters referred to them, and recommend as follows:

The several decisions reported are found to be in conformity with the laws of this Grand Council and we recommend that they and each of them be approved.

We recommend that the action of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in disseminating the new Ritual be approved.

We recommend that the action of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in the matter of the consolidation of Councils Nos. 1 (one) and 77 (seventy-seven) be approved.

We recommend that the report of the Committee appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to prepare a revision and re-arrangement of the Constitution, Code, By-Laws, Rules, Resolutions, Decisions and Forms for the government of the Grand Council and its Subordinates be accepted, and a sufficient number of copies be printed for immediate use; that the proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Code and Resolutions be laid over for final consideration at the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. That said Committee be continued until the next Annual Assembly for the purpose of having their report printed, the expense thereof to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Council on proper warrants drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,
GRAFF M. ACKLIN,
LEVI C. GOODALE,
GEORGE D. COPELAND,
Committee.

The report of the Committee and its recommendations were adopted.

Time and Place.

Companion Lewis M. Lea, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Time and Place respectfully report that we recommend that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the day preceding the Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Ohio, in 1908, and at the same place as that in which said Convocation shall be held.

Fraternally submitted,
LEWIS M. LEA,
GEORGE BUMGARNER,
THOMAS H. CURRIE,
Committee.

Committee on Accounts.

Companion Henry E. Morrison, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, made report as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Members of the Grand Council of Ohio:

Your Committee on Accounts beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports and accounts of The Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find them correct.

Amount in hands of the Treasurer October 1st, 1906	$ 6,140 85
Receipts during the year	6,068 50
Total Receipts	$12,209 35
Disbursements during the year	6,263 77
Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 1st, 1907	$ 5,945 58

We recommend the payment of the following items:

To Edward H. Archer, Grand Master, expenses	$	52 65
To William E. Evans, Grand Recorder, salary		500 00
To William E. Evans, Grand Recorder, office rent		100 00
To William E. Evans, Grand Recorder, office expenses		207 72
To William E. Evans, Grand Recorder, making pay roll		10 00
To R. V. Hampson, Grand Treasurer		15 00
To Rev. V. F. Brown, Grand Chaplain		10 00
To Lewis P. Schaus, Grand Sentinel		15 00
To Nelson Williams, Chr. Com. on For. Cor		100 00
Total	$	1,010 37

We further recommend the following appropriations be made:

$1,000.00 to the Endowment Fund of The Masonic Home.
$ 500.00 to the General Fund of the Masonic Home.
$ 200.00 for the Contingent Fund of The Grand Master.
$ 300.00 for Inspection Expenses.

and that all officers and members of Committees required to meet the day preceding the appointed day of meeting of the Annual Assembly receive pay for one day in addition to the regular allowance.

Zealously submitted,
HENRY E. MORRISON,
WILLIAM H. BUSSARD,
GEORGE H. VAN FLEET,
Committee.

Good of the Order.

Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Good of the Order reports that the phenominal increase in our membership indicates the continued

activity of the Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, thus showing their determination to maintain the proud position attained by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio as the largest Grand Council in the world.

Your Committee have examined the Inspection Reports referred to it, and they give evidence of having been carefully prepared and show a gratifying condition of nearly all of the Councils of our State, not only as to their increase in membership, good financial condition and being well equipped with the necessary paraphernalia for the proper rendition of the degrees, but, what is more important they show a good average attendance at Assemblies and the offices filled with energetic and zealous Companions.

Your Committee have had under consideration that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to arrearages and suspensions and recommend that the Grand Master cause the Masters of such Councils reporting delinquent members to enforce the laws of this Grand Council pertaining to such delinquencies.

Fraternally submitted,

ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
FRANK H. MARQUIS,
GEORGE P. CONNER,
Committee.

Grievances.

Companion Charles E. Chittenden, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Ohio:

We, the Committee on Grievance, congratulate you on the fact that we have no material for a report, as no grievances exist.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. CHITTENDEN,
WYATT G. PLANTZ,
JONATHAN R. FLORENCE,
Committee.

Charters and Dispensations.

Companion William T. McLean, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, having carefully examined all the account books, books of record and other papers submitted by the Companions at Westerville and Washington C. H., whose applications for permission to open Councils of Royal and Select Masters in those places was favored by the issue of Dispensations by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, are pleased to report that all the requirements of this Grand Council have been complied with, the books accurately kept, and with the amount of work done and that more is in prospect, warrants your Committee in recommending that a Charter be granted to Westerville under the name of ZABUD, and number of 99, and to Washington C. H. under the name of FAYETTE, and number of 100.

We have examined all the papers placed in our hands concerning the consolidation of Cincinnati Council No. 1, and Wyoming Council No. 77, and find that the entries on the minute books made at Stated Assemblies of both Councils, are regular, and in conformity with Resolution 15 of this Grand Council, and we believe that the Good of the Order warrants the approval of the action of these Councils by this Grand Council and we so recommend.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. T. MCLEAN,
WM. B. ANDERSON,
JOHN F. LANE,
Committee.

Which, on motion, the report of the Committee and its recommendations were adopted.

Necrology-Obituary.

Companion Rev. V. F. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, reported, and asked leave to prepare the report and furnish the same to the Grand Recorder for the Printed Proceedings, which was consented to.

Subordinate Returns.

Companion Jewett Palmer, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Select Master of Ohio:

Your Committee on Subordinate Returns begs to report that we have examined the reports of the Subordinate Councils, submitted to us by the Grand Recorder, and find them correct in all respects.

The thanks of your Committee are due our Right Illustrious Grand Recorder for his accustomed accuracy and neatness in preparing his abstract of these returns.

Fraternally submitted,

JEWETT PALMER,
L. W. ZIMMERMAN,
ALBERT SCHOLL,
Committee.

Jewel for Retiring Grand Master.

Companion William T. McLean offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to procure the usual Jewel, for presentation to our retiring Grand Master, and to present the same to him.

The Grand Master-Elect appointed Companions William T. McLean, William B. Anderson and John F. Lane said Committee.

Presentation of Jewel to the Retiring Grand Master, Companion Edward H. Archer.

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Members of the Grand Council:

I have taken the liberty this year, as a hold-over Chairman of the Committee appointed to procure the regulation jewel for presentation to the retiring Grand Master, to execute in advance an anticipated command of this Grand Council and for which action I hope I may have your approval.

My idea of such presentations is that they should take place right here in your presence, annually, instead of at some local function of other Masonic Bodies; for who is more interested in such proceedings than you who have had the faithful services of the Companions elevated to your highest honor, and whom you compliment by the bestowal of the testimonial of your appreciation. Again, it is but seldom that all the members of the committee appointed to perform the duties assigned to them are present at the time and place selected for the presentation. The adoption of this plan of making presentations of this nature at the Annual Assemblies will save the expense of the committee traveling to the home city of the recipient, and the more money we save in this, or any other manner, will be just that much more to contribute to that crowning glory of Ohio Masons—The Home —at Springfield, the best interest of which we always have in view, and so Companions, with your approval and in your behalf it gives me pleasure to pin upon the breast of Companion Archer at this time, this beautiful jewel emblematic of the grand principles this Institution stands for, and a testimonial of your appreciation of his faithful and unselfish services. Companion Archer, as the one who gave you your first commission for duty in this Grand Body, and one who believes that there are but few Masons who have given up as many forenoons, afternoons and evenings to the cause of Masonry as you have cheerfully done for thirty-one years, I present this jewel in the name of the Grand Council, and assure you of the fraternal good will and affection of your Companions, and with the hope that you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Craft.

Response.

Companion McLean and Companions of this Grand Council:

If ever there was a time in a man's life and if ever a feeling that brooks no control overcomes him, to me this is that one time. How well do I remember the honor received by me at the hands of you, Companions McLean, Anderson and Lane, and how well do I remember the associations of the companionship of you, my Companions, for the last seven years, and how much do I appreciate the honor which you, one year ago, in this room, bestowed upon me. Could but these walls speak and express the feelings and appreciations which I felt at that time it would be far better than that which I can at this time express, but I do remember those honors and this remembrance coming from you with whom I have had the honor and privilege of serving this last year, I appreciate the more, not so much for its intrinsic value, but for the spirit and confidence which it expresses. Companions, I have not the words nor sufficient control of my feelings to express to you the gratitude of my heart for this remembrance. God grant that this right and privilege of fraternal companionship that you have given me in the last year may continue many, many years, and Companions McLean, Anderson and Lane, as we journey through the remaining years of our life let it be a continuation of that comradeship earned at a time, by a time, and for a time, for the best interests of humanity. Companions, in a few hours the sun will have set in the west and this day will become a tomorrow and that tomorrow of this day will be a memory and at life's last review, Companions, this will be one of the pleasantest memories that ere can have been bestowed upon me.

Companions of the Grand Council, I thank you, and lovingly appreciate what you have done for me.

Appointed Grand Officers.

Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain,
Companion REV. V. F. BROWN, Dayton

Illustrious Captain of the Guards,
Companion I. L. OPPENHEIMER, Pomeroy

Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council,
Companion HUGH V. OLNEY, Van Wert

Illustrious Grand Steward,
Companion LEWIS P. SCHAUS, Newark

Illustrious Grand Sentinel,
Companion JOHN H. BARTRAM, Marion

Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence,
Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton

Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries,
Companion REV. V. F. BROWN, Dayton

Report of the Committee on Obituaries.

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:

While sorrows press the soul, how sweet to hear the voice of the Divine Comforter,

"Peace, troubled heart! A hand divine
Moves 'mid this tangled life of thine.
Each half-wrought plan, each broken line,
Is hid 'neath His all-wise design.
Its broken meshes yet shall be
Woven with perfect symmetry.
Peace, troubled heart! A holy form
Walks o'er the waves of life's rough storm,
Comes through the midnight clear and dark,
And sits beside thee in life's bark;
To winds and waves He whispers, "cease,"
And all within, without, is peace."

While we rejoice in the unprecedented prosperity of the year by which our numbers have been greatly increased, we sorrow because the homes that have been entered by the monster, death, have been increased, for into no less than one hundred and twenty-seven homes has he entered within the jurisdiction of this Grand Council during the past twelve months. Who can weigh the grief or measure the sorrow of these aching hearts; and yet there is One in whom they can confide, and on whose bosom they may lean, who has power to calm the troubled spirit and speak the word of peace. In this long list we note many who have been most efficient in the work of Cryptic Masonry, and who have served their Councils as Thrice Illustrious Masters, and would pay loving tribute to their memories. In this list we note Companion George Stoddard of Cincinnati Council; Companion D. C. Winegarner of Bigelow Council; Companion R. H. McFarland of Zanesville Council; Companion C. A. Woodword of Cleveland Council; Companion Asa M. Hart of Clinton Council; Companion G. A. Ewing of Trowel Council; Companion L. A. Tussing of New Lexington Council; Companion E. F. Everist of St. Mary's Council; Companion Sidney Moore of Delaware Council and Companion M. H. Levagood of Elyria Council. Beyond our jurisdiction, death with his sickle keen has gathered many sheaves.

ARKANSAS—On the 19th day of July last, Ill. Companion Edward Metcalf, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council, answered the summons. Suddenly and unexpectedly it came, for he was in his usual health, when as a thief in the night the Grand Sentinel of all announced his approach. Companion Metcalf was born in Massachusetts July 15, 1839 and began his Masonic career in 1871, receiving the Council degrees in 1883, and that same year was made Grand Sentinel, and for more than a quarter of a century his kindly smile has greeted the Companions in their Annual Assembly.

CONNECTICUT—Cryptic Masonry in Connecticut suffers loss in the death of Companion Past Most Puissant Grand Master,

Joseph S. Stokes, who died July 20, 1907, in the sixty-second year of his age. Of English birth, he came to this country in 1869, locating in Meriden, where he continued to reside. His advancement in York Rite Masonry was regular and in his death the Rite loses a devoted and zealous Companion.

GEORGIA—Wm. A. Davis, M. Ill. Past Grand Master of Georgia, finished his work in the secret vault July 19, 1907. His Masonic services included two years as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and also two years as the M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council. Genial and kind, his work made a deep impression upon the Companions, and long will his memory be cherished.

ILLINOIS—To a very serious degree have our Companions of the prairie state suffered in the losses of the past year. May 15, Ill. Wm. Harvey Paul, Grand Master of the Grand Council closed his labors. An Ohioan by birth, having been born in Richland County April 14, 1848. An enthusiastic and zealous brother, having received all the degrees in both the York and Scottish Rite branches. He was one of the organizers of the Danville Lodge of Perfection A. A. S. Rite, and its second officer at the time of his death. With him, as the end came it was said:

"Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
And now comes rest."

One month later, Ill. Almond Leroy Hamilton, P. G. P. C. of the Work of the Grand Council, died, at the early age of 49. In all positions, and in all that pertained to the good of Masonry, he was active and earnest.

July 6, last, M. Ill. Philander M. Barclay, P. M. Ill. Grand Master of the State, passed to his reward, in his 76th year. He served most acceptably all branches of Masonry as W. M., H. P., T. I. M., and Eminent Commander. He filled offices in the Grand Bodies as follows: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter; Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State. For years he was an honored member of the A. A. S. Rite, having been honored with the 33 degree in Sept. 1900.

MASSACHUSETTS—Our Companions in New England have been sorely bereaved in the death on Feb. 23, of R. Ill. James Taylor, P. G. P. Conductor of Work, and on Mar. 15, of R. Ill. James Utley, Deputy Grand Master. Companion Taylor had passed the three score and ten, leaving a record of faithful Masonic living, of duty well done and a well rounded life, enriching many by his life of usefulness and truth.

Companion Utley had but recently entered upon his duties as Deputy Grand Master, full of zeal and enthusiasm. But the religion, which with him was his life, the faith that was sight, and knowledge, brought him to the end of life's journey in holy triumph. His life was a sweet benediction and his death a glorious triumph.

MINNESOTA—From Minnesota sorrowful tidings have come of the death of R. Ill. Companion Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, in which capacity he had served most efficiently and faithfully since 1890. He was also a 32 degree Mason, and Deputy for the Inspector General of Minnesota, the very soul of honor, faithful, steadfast, conscientious and true.

NEBRASKA suffered a severe loss on June 8th, last, in the death of Past Grand Master Companion George M. Mininger, a man of sterling worth, whose Masonic experience extended over a period of more than half a century, during which he had held the highest positions of trust and honor, and in them all, brought honor to himself and the Craft. His Masonic record reads thus: Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He

served as President of the Masonic Home for his State from the time of the organization of the Home until his death.

OHIO—Within our own Jurisdiction the Companions have had occasion for intense grief in the death of Companion David C. Winegarner, Past Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council. His interest in the work of Royal and Select Masters dates from his initiation therein in 1879, March 5. He served as Most Ill. Grand Master two years, 1889-1890. In 1883 he received the Consistorial degrees in Ohio Consistory, and at the session of the Supreme Grand Council in Boston September 1885, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, (33 degree) and elected an honorary member of that body. A good man and true has gone from our midst.

On the 15th day of February last, Charles Alexander Woodward, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, passed to his reward, leaving an honorable Masonic record of over half a century. In 1870 he was received and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, (33 degree). He was an enthusiastic and faithful Mason, and his memory will long be cherished.

WASHINGTON—Our Companions in Washington have been afflicted in the death of Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Most Ill. William H. Upton. Always earnest and devoted, a careful, close student of Masonry, he was recognized as an authority in matters Masonic.

Thus year by year the list of our departed Companions lengthens, but while Masonry lives, their memories will be cherished and their virtues emulated.

From all sections of our beloved land the tidings come of Companions who have served well the Craft and closed their brief day of toil successfully. Masonry believes in the best, and ·ges to the best and highest for time and eternity, not in the

sense that she would attempt to assume the work of the Church of God, or substitute her teachings for the precious Word of our Lord, but by good precepts and earnest endeavor, seeks to supplement the lessons of the Church and the Word, thus helping men to make definite work for the life which knows no end; for while

"One ship drives east, and another west,
With the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales,
Which decides the way we go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life;
'Tis the will of the soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife."

Fraternally submitted,

V. F. BROWN,
J. A. DAVEY,
JUDD L. PALMER,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

THIS PAGE

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO

IS

FRATERNALLY DEDICATED, AND SET

APART TO THE BELOVED

MEMORY OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER JURISDICTIONS

WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE

YEARS 1906-1907.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the Memory of One Hundred and Twenty-eight Companions Whose Deaths are reported in the Returns of July 31st, A. D. 1907.

Pontaleon F. Carcaba.	October 20, 1906.	Cincinnati	No.	1
Francis Hiram Hen..	October 11, 1906.	"	"	1
Eleazar W. Pettit.....	Nov. 24, 1906....	"	"	1
Albert Edward Rauh..	July 22, 1907....	"	"	1
Martin Simon.....	Dec. 13, 1906....	"	"	1
George Stoddard.....	April 5, 1907....	"	"	1
Alexander Black.....	Nov. 27, 1906....	Union	"	2
George Earl Mosher...	Sept. 25, 1906....	Chillicothe	"	4
John M. Foreman.....	April 15, 1907...	Bigelow	"	7
Samuel M. Hunter....	Feb. 20, 1907....	"	"	7
Orlando Miller.....	Feb. 1, 1907.....	"	"	7
David C. Winegarner.	June 17, 1907...	"	"	7
James E. Bruce.....	Feb. 2, 1907.....	Columbus	"	8
Frank R. Cross.....	October 8, 1906..	"	"	8
William Dutton.....	Dec. 12, 1906....	"	"	8
Richard T. Field.....	Dec. 11, 1906....	"	"	8
Joseph A. Miller.....	Dec. 5, 1906.....	"	"	8
Henry M. Powell.....	October 8, 1906..	"	"	8
Henry H. Tharp.....	April 17, 1907...	"	"	8
William K. Callahan..	May 11, 1907....	Reese	"	9
Thomas P. Evans.....	July 23, 1907....	"	"	9
Samuel M. Kehoe.....	July 22, 1907....	"	"	9
George H. Pope.....	Sept. 21, 1906...	"	"	9
Charles A. Snyder.....	October 24, 1906.	"	"	9
Jerome B. Thomas....	March 5, 1907...	"	"	9
James C. Turner.....	Dec. 26, 1906....	"	"	9
R. H. McFarland.....	May 8, 1907.....	Zanesville	"	12
E. H. Sebaugh.....	October 8, 1906..	"	"	12
William Beresford....	October 6, 1906..	Wooster	"	13
William H. Woodland.	May 20, 1907....	"	"	13
L. A. Merritt.....	October, 1906...	Franklin	"	14
Bennett J. Smith.....	September, 1906.	"	"	14
H. H. Williams.....	January, 1907....	"	"	14
N. A. Weirman.....	March 8, 1907...	"	"	14
Leonidas M. Jewett....	Nov. 7, 1906.....	Athens	"	15
Charles A. Duke.....	Feb. 17, 1907....	Hillsboro	"	16
Phortes E. Bancroft...	Feb. 23, 1907....	Springfield	"	17
Samuel H. Folckmer...	July 22, 1907....	"	"	17
Charles C. Fried.....	April 18, 1907...	"	"	17
Joseph M. Normand...	Dec. 24, 1906....	"	"	17
Levi F. Olds.....	Sept. 8, 1906....	"	"	17
Luke L. Young.....	October 27, 1906.	"	"	17

Thomas J. Godfrey...	Nov 30, 1906....	Lima	"	20
William P. Jacobs....	October 23, 1906.	"	"	20
John F. McNeal.....	Feb. 22, 1907....	Marion	"	22
Daniel Mararity.....	Nov. 11, 1906....	"	"	22
Phillip Murdoek.....	Sept. 20, 1906...	"	"	22
A. C. Green.....	April 29, 1907...	Norwalk	"	24
N. H. Pebbles.....	November, 1906.	"	"	24
William Suhr.....	Jan. 26, 1907....	"	"	24
John C. Vanden.....	Jan. 16, 1907....	Moriah	"	32
Newton Abraham.....	April 12, 1907...	"	"	32
Frank H. Brukselker..	October 11, 1906.	Toledo	"	33
Charles R. Fabin.....	August 28, 1906..	"	"	33
Abraham D. Hull.....	Feb. 6, 1907.....	"	"	33
O. D. Richards.....	December, 1906.	"	"	33
Jay C. Tillinghast.....	October 6, 1906..	"	"	33
William A. Todd.....	October 1, 1906..	"	"	33
George E. Baldwin....	April 16, 1907...	Canton	"	35
John S. Hoover.....	March 25, 1907...	"	"	35
Frederick E. Downing.	July 16, 1907....	Cleveland	"	36
Robert Greenhalgh....	July 27, 1907....	"	"	36
Philander L. Johnson.	May 18, 1907....	"	"	36
George W. Morris.....	Dec. 11, 1906....	"	"	36
Barnsy Rush.....	June 29, 1907...	"	"	36
George S. Smith.....	March 28, 1907..	"	"	36
Joseph H. Snow.....	August 18, 1906.	"	"	36
Francis Widlar.....	June 3, 1907....	"	"	36
Charles A. Woodward.	Feb. 15, 1907....	"	"	36
Jacob E. Burtin.....	March 2, 1907...	HockHocking	"	39
J. Sweatland.....	Nov. 24, 1906....	London	"	41
R. C. McCloud.....	April 14, 1907...	"	"	41
W. M. Jones.....	April 18, 1907...	"	"	41
H. H. Hoyer.....	April 18, 1907...	Omega	"	44
George Ernest.....	March 28, 1907..	Clinton	"	47
Asa M. Hart.....	March 26, 1907..	"	"	47
John Roscoe.....	March 31, 1907..	Findlay	"	50
Harry R. Bumgarner..	Dec. 5, 1906.....	Belmont	"	54
J. W. Hollingsworth..	August 31, 1906.	"	"	54
Ross R. Watt.....	Dec. 22, 1906....	"	"	54
Charles L. Zuber.....	March 10, 1907..	Oc-co-nox-ee	"	55
John W. Ansel.....	March 21, 1907..	Gebal	"	56
William B. Penn.....	June 1, 1907.....	"	"	56
James L. Kehnedy....	Sept. 21, 1906...	Warren	"	58
Hunter E. Moore.....	March 28, 1907..	Urbana	"	59
James O'Neal.....	May 6, 1907.....	Tyrian	"	60
Isaac M. Keeber.....	Feb. 17, 1907....	Fremont	"	64
John H. Pfeiffer.....	June 8, 1907....	Kenton	"	65
John V. Cuff.....	October 30, 1906.	Wauseon	"	68
James F. Groves.....	March 2, 1907...	"	"	68
Lyman A. Bassett.....	May 19, 1907....	"	"	68
William H. Moreland..	Sept. 22, 1906...	Sidney	"	70

Gilbert A. Ewing	August 19, 1906.	Trowel	"	71
Henry Price	Nov. 19, 1906.	"	"	71
Thomas J. Williams	Feb. 3, 1907.	"	"	71
Eugene B. Willard	May 21, 1907.	"	"	71
Alonzo A. Moody	Nov. 24, 1906.	New Lex'g'n	"	75
Lawson A. Tussing	Feb. 14, 1907.	"	"	75
William E. Jackson	Oct. 7, 1906.	Kinsman	"	76
Joshua G. Leland	Jan. 25, 1907.	"	"	76
Davis E. Salisbury	Jan. 11, 1907.	"	"	76
Richard Wert	April 22, 1907.	"	"	76
William B. Mason	July 6, 1907.	Marietta	"	78
William H. H. Cadot	Sept. 5, 1906.	Solomon	"	79
Tracy B. Johnson	August 20, 1906.	"	"	79
Martin H. Crumrirle	June 26, 1907.	Akron	"	80
Frederick Foote	August 12, 1906.	"	"	80
Albert A. Viall	April 17, 1907.	St. Marys	"	81
E. A. Everist	Nov. 12, 1906.	Gwynn	"	83
George M. Ott	May 7, 1907.	Delaware	"	84
William H. Hague	Nov. 7, 1906.	"	"	84
Sidney Moore	May 27, 1907.	"	"	84
George Neilson	Jan. 22, 1907.	Logan	"	85
S. E. Kunkell	October 15, 1906.	Elyria	"	86
Martin A. Elder	May 14, 1907.	"	"	86
Moses H. Levagood	April 20, 1907.	"	"	86
George H. Mapes	March 29, 1907.	Pellaire	"	87
Joseph S. Crow	July 9, 1907.	"	"	86
Peter Kern	June 15, 1907.	"	"	87
J. Harry McDonald	August 25, 1906.	"	"	87
Courey M. Ingham	August 15, 1906.	S. S. Jewell	"	89
Wm. H. Fitzsimmons	May 13, 1907.	Fostoria	"	90
Herman Axt	October 10, 1906.	"	"	90
Abram J. Baumberg	Jan. 15, 1907.	Ohio	"	92
Samuel J. Dickenson	Jan. 3, 1907.	Lafayette	"	93
Edward F. Seymour	Feb. 18, 1907.	Mansfield	"	94
Philip Murdock	Sept. 30, 1906.	Upper San'ky	"	98

Annual Proceedings.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have the usual number of the Proceedings of this Assembly printed, and to distribute them as usual.

Installation of Grand Officers.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were presented by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, John F. Lane, acting as Grand Marshal, to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Graff M. Acklin, and were installed in Ample Form and Proclamation made.

No further business claiming the attention of the Grand Council, the Grand Recorder read the records, which were approved.

After devotional exercises by the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters closed its Seventy-eighth Annual Assembly, to meet in the city of Cleveland, on the first Tuesday in October, (the 6th), A. D. 1908, Y. D. 2908, the day preceding the Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

Milton B. Dickerson

M. Ill. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. C. Crandall

R. Ill. Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

Organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

At a convention at Worthington, Ohio, January 6th, 1880, delegates from Councils at Cincinnati, Steubenville, Granville, Lancaster and Chillicothe, organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, Companion Robert T. Lytle, of Cincinnati, in the Chair and Companion William J. Reese, of Lancaster, Secretary.

Assembly	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Principal Conductor of Work	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Place of Meeting	Date.
1st	Rev. Robt. Punchon	Samuel Stockeley	James Gates	Robt. T. Lytle	William J. Reese	Worthington	Jan. 6, 1880
2nd	"	Wm. Gwynn	William J. Reese	John Noble	James D. Caldwell	Columbus	Jan. 6, 1881
3rd	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1882
4th	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1883
5th	Wm. J. Reese	Henry Sage	William Y. Emmitt	"	"	Columbus	Jan. 9, 1884
6th	"	Samuel Stockeley	George C. Gephart	"	"	"	Jan. 8, 1885
7th	"	Samuel Reed	"	"	"	"	Jan. 7, 1886
8th	"	"	"	"	"	Lancaster	June 23, 1887
9th	Wm. B. Thrall	James Gates	Arthur C. Davis	George Meyers	"	"	June 21, 1888
10th	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 18, 1889
11th	"	Wm. Hunter	Phiny M. Crume	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1840
12th	"	Isaac C. Copelen	Adam J. Leslie	"	"	"	Oct. 21, 1841
13th	"	George D. Hine	A. S. Sanford	"	"	"	Oct. 20, 1842
14th	John W. Milligan	George C. Gephart	Joseph Hildreth	Isaac C. Copelen	"	"	Oct. 24, 1843
15th	"	"	Absalom Death	"	Benjamin F. Smith	Columbus	Oct. 25, 1844
16th	"	Joseph Hildreth	George L. Shinnick	"	"	"	Oct. 23, 1845
17th	Absalom Death	Kimball Porter	M. Z. Kreider	"	"	Dayton	Oct. 22, 1846
18th	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus	Sept. 16, 1847
19th	"	George L. Shinnick	Jonas Ward	"	"	"	Sept. 28, 1848
20th	William B. Dodd	Samuel H. Bancroft	"	"	"	Steubenville	Oct. 18, 1849
21st	"	George L. Shinnick	John M. Barrere	"	"	Cincinnati	Oct. 17, 1850
22nd	"	"	"	"	"	.....	*..... 1851
23rd	John M. Barrere	Thomas Orr	F. J. Phillips	"	John D. Caldwell	Chillicothe	Oct. 21, 1852
24th	"	Samuel B. Pruden	J. W. Kennedy	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1853
25th	"	"	Gottlieb Steinman	"	"	"	Oct. 12, 1854
26th	"	George Keifer	"	"	"	Mansfield	Oct. 18, 1855
27th	"	"	Joseph Hildreth	"	"	Zanesville	Oct. 16, 1856
28th	John M. Parks	"	Charles C. Kiefer	"	"	Massillon	Oct. 15, 1857
29th	"	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	"	"	Columbus	Oct. 14, 1858
30th	"	"	"	"	"	"	Oct. 14, 1859
31st	Charles C. Kiefer	Jacob Y. Cantwell	Stith M. Sullivan	"	"	"	Oct. 11, 1860
32nd	"	James S. Reeves	"	"	"	"	Oct. 10, 1861
33rd	"	Jacob Y. Cantwell	William F. Hills	Flavius J. Phillips	"	"	Oct. 15, 1862
34th	Timothy B. Fisher	W. M. Cunningham	Charles Brown	"	"	"	Oct. 15, 1868

35th.	Wm. M. Cunningham.	Isaac Robertson.....	Henry H. Wagoner...	Flavius J. Phillips.	John D. Caldwell..	Cleveland...	Oct. 13, 1864
36th.	"	"	"	"	"	Columbus...	Sept. 5, 1865
37th.	"	Joseph R. Conrad ...	Edgar A. Hopkins....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct. 11, 1866
38th.	Charles Brown.....	"	Calvin Halladay.....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct. 10, 1867
39th.	"	"	"	"	"	Dayton	Oct. 16, 1868
40th.	Joseph R. Conrad.....	Calvin Halladay	Henry Theobald.....	"	"	Cleveland...	Oct. 15, 1869
41st.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept. 13, 1870
42nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky ...	Sept. 26, 1871
43rd.	"	Peter L. Wilson.....	John M. Benjamin....	"	"	Columbus ...	Oct. 1, 1872
44th.	Henry Theobald.....	"	O. A. B. Senter.....	"	"	Toledo	Sept. 2, 1873
45th.	"	S. W. Courtright	"	"	"	Dayton.....	Sept. 9, 1874
46th.	S. W. Courtright	Orestes A. B. Senter..	Henry Newbegin.....	"	"	Put-in-Bay...	Sept. 8, 1875
47th.	"	"	"	"	"	"	Aug. 30, 1876
48th.	"	"	Stith M. Sullivan.....	"	"	Cleveland ...	Aug. 29, 1877
49th.	O. A. B. Senter.....	Stith M. Sullivan.....	Jos. M. Goodspeed....	Samuel B. Evans..	"	Columbus ...	Oct. 10, 1878
50th.	"	"	"	"	"	Akron.....	Oct. 16, 1879
51st	Joseph M. Goodspeed.	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	"	"	Chillicothe ..	Oct. 14, 1880
52nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept. 21, 1881
53rd	Levi C. Goodale.....	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	"	"	Newark.....	Sept. 20, 1882
54th.	"	"	"	"	"	Sandusky ..	Oct. 11, 1883
55th.	D. P. Chamberlin.....	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride ...	"	"	Tiffin.....	Sept. 16, 1884
56th.	"	"	"	"	"	Cleveland ...	Oct. 6, 1885
57th.	D. C. Winegarner.....	George D. McBride ...	Graff M. Acklin.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Oct. 7, 1886
58th.	"	"	"	"	"	Steubenville.	Oct. 5, 1887
59th.	George D. McBride....	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	"	"	Springfield..	Oct. 2, 1888
60th.	"	"	"	"	"	Findlay	Sept. 10, 1889
61st	Graff M. Acklin.....	Edwin Morrell.....	Lewis M. Lea	"	"	Marion.....	Sept. 23, 1890
62nd.	"	"	"	"	"	Cincinnati...	Oct. 6, 1891
63rd	Edwin Morrell	Lewis M. Lea	John S. White.....	"	William H. Evans.	Zanesville..	Sept. 27, 1892
64th.	"	"	"	"	"	Marietta.....	Sept. 26, 1893
65th.	Lewis M. Lea.....	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	"	"	Columbus ...	Sept. 18, 1894
66th.	John S. White.....	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	"	"	Cleveland ..	Sept. 10, 1895
67th.	Arthur P. Crane.....	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison...	"	"	Sandusky ..	Oct. 6, 1896
68th.	John B. Romans.....	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean	"	"	Springfield..	Sept. 28, 1897
69th.	Henry E. Morrison....	Wm. T. McLean	Wm. B. Anderson....	"	"	Cincinnati...	Sept. 27, 1898
70th.	Wm. T. McLean.....	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland ..	"	"	Cleveland...	Sept. 26, 1899
71st	Wm. B. Anderson.....	George D. Copeland ..	Jewett Palmer.....	"	"	Columbus ...	Oct. 9, 1900
72nd.	Geo. D. Copeland	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	"	"	Toledo.....	Sept. 24, 1901
73rd	Jewett Palmer.....	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Henry True.....	"	Lima	Sept. 23, 1902
74th.	John F. Lane.....	Nelson Williams.....	Wm. A. Spill.....	"	"	Akron	Oct. 13, 1903
75th	Nelson Williams....	William A. spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	"	"	Columbus ..	Oct. 4, 1904
76th	William A. Spill.....	Edward H. Archer....	Milton B. Dickerson..	"	"	Springfield..	Oct. 3, 1905
77th	Edward H. Archer....	Milton B. Dickerson..	Warren J. Baker.....	Robt. V. Hampson	"	Columbus ...	Oct. 2, 1906
78th	Milton B. Dickerson..	Warren J. Baker.....	Charles H. Geissen....	"	"	Columbus ...	Oct. 1, 1907

Analysis of Subordinate Returns to Grand Recorder, October 1st, 1907.

Number.	NAME OF COUNCIL.	No. Members 1906.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended Un. M. C.	Expelled.	No. Members 1907.	Cash Received.	TH. ILL. MASTER.	RECORDER.	Gain	Loss
1	Cincinnati	324	30	4	4	1	6				355	$ 196 50	G. W. Werden	Jos. Kirkup	31	
2	Union	134	24	1	1	12	1				147	80 50	L. W. Zimmerman	Harry P. Boyer	13	
4	Chillicothe	218	23			1	1				239	131 00	Albert Scholl	J. W. Best	21	
7	Bigelow	218	30	2	2	2	4	1			245	138 50	W. H. Chilcoat	A. P. Taylor	25	
8	Columbus	535	35			1	7			2	560	297 50	A. A. Williams	W. E. Joseph	25	
9	Reese	515	25	4	1	9	7	3			526	276 00	W. H. Bussard	C. D. Kidd	11	
12	Zanesville	166	12	1			2	3			174	93 00	C. S. Hoskinson	H. H. Philo	8	
13	Wooster	62	51		1		2	3			108	80 00	G. J. Schwartz	L. R. Kramer	46	
14	Franklin	108	8	1		1	4	3			109	58 50	F. W. Steil	E. M. Faulkner	1	
15	Athens	118	12	3	2	1	1	1			132	75 00	F. L. Gunther	J. A. Palmer	14	
16	Hillsboro	70	4			3	1	1			75	46 50	C. M. Kerns	W. C. Cowman	5	
17	Springfield	237	20			3	1	6			253	142 50	H. M. Tittle	O. H. Anderson	16	
19	Hamilton	125	8			3	1			1	134	72 50	E. B. Schneider	W. A. Seward	9	
20	Lima	108	12			35	9	2	21		121	184 50	Geo. P. Conner	Wallace Landis	15	
22	Marion	248	17	2		7	9	3	1		261	152 50	Geo. H. VanFleet	George S. McGuire	13	
24	Norwalk	53	5			1		3			56	32 00	C. H. Ruggles	H. S. Mitchell	3	
26	Sandusky City	168	12			8	4				184	127 00	J. A. Davey	J. D. Lea	16	
32	Moriah	85	8	1			2				92	50 00	L. B. Shaw	W. T. Minturn	7	
33	Toledo	508	65			5	2	6	8	1	561	320 50	C. R. Chittenden	E. W. Eastell	53	
35	Canton	177	20	1	3	3	2	8			188	105 50	Thos. H. Currie	Chas. Silverman	11	
36	Cleveland	625	68	1	2	2	9	5			680	375 00	R. A. Armstrong	H. E. Morrison	55	
39	Hockhocking	52	4	1	1		1				57	31 00	A. W. Mauk	Chas. W. James	5	
40	Conneaut	225	21								246	135 50	L. P. Sturtevant	H. S. Schalk	21	
41	London	41	14		3		3	8			52	43 00	C. R. Arbuckle	Wm. Ferguson	11	
44	Omega	164	28		1		1	8			179	102 00	J. G. Augustine	C. C. Snyder	15	
46	Bosworth	72	8		2						77	42 00	W. G. Plants	Geo. H. Parker	5	
47	Clinton	95	16	2	4	21	2	1			93	56 50	H. E. Lo't	A. H. Unger		2
50	Findlay	92	8		4		1	1			102	62 50	Geo. T. Byall	D. L. Grable	10	
54	Belmont	78	11			32	3	1			48	32 00	C. W. Carroll	C. B. Ryan		25
55	Oc-co-nox-ee	130	14			1	1	15			127	70 50	Fred S. Stever	F. J. Papenhagan		3
56	Gebal	142	6		10		2	7			149	84 00	L. F. Romig	C. W. Sheppard	7	
58	Warren	213	18	1		3	1				228	118 00	W. H. Ludt	J. S. Gildard	10	

59	Urbana	96	17			1	1				111	64	00	Thomas Heap	H. M. Crow	15	
60	Tyrian	92	17	1		1	1				108	62	50	J. R. Florence	S. L. Grigsby	16	
64	Fremont	87	7			2	1				91	49	00	W. S. Lewis	H. S. Dorr.	4	
65	Kenton	135	13	1	2	1	1				149	86	00	John Wilson	J. E. Rubins	14	
68	Wauseon	112	6			1	3				114	60	00	S. K. Baker	F. W. Moyer.	2	
69	Putnam	119	11		2	1		1			130	80	00	S. F. DeFord	C. P. Godfrey	11	
70	Sidney	89	10		6	3	1				101	63	50	Geo. B. Toland	J. C. Wilson.	12	
71	Trowel	125	9				4				130	69	50	W. R. Williams	Chas. F. Steele	5	
72	Delphos	72	9			1					80	45	00	J. E. Fast	F. O. Brotherton.	8	
73	Van Wert	130	10		2	2		3			137	76	00	R. J. Cavette	I. H. Malick.	7	
74	Guernsey	81	13		3						97	60	50	S. M. Hyde	C. R. Potter, P. T.	16	
75	New Lexington	101	12				2				111	61	50	LaBert Davie, P. T.	Jas. F. McMahon.	10	
76	Kinsman	151	26			2	4				171	98	50	Wm. H. Clark	S. H. Peterman.	20	
78	Marietta	152	16	2			1				169	92	50	R. B. Hanna	A. W. Tompkins.	17	
79	Solomon	143	30				2				171	100	50	J. P. Purdum	Geo. Padan.	28	
80	Akron	145	62	4		1	3	2			205	133	50	C. W. Wickline	W. E. Waugh.	60	
81	St. Marys	80	7			1	1				85	46	00	C. C. McBrown	H. E. Henderson.	5	
82	Bellevue	77	3					6			74	38	50	Frank P. Hale	Chas. Matz.		3
83	Gwynn	119	10	1	1	6	1				124	68	50	R. V. Vaughan	D. B. Cooper.	5	
84	Delaware	102	12			2	3				109	60	50	H. L. Clark	Wm. M. Semans.	7	
85	Logan	105	10				1				114	62	00	H. S. Kerr	Wm W. Riddle	9	
86	Elyria	101	30	1			3				128	79	50	S. H. Squire, Jr.	Chas. A Uber	28	
87	Bellaire	97	15	2		1	3				110	62	50	Frek P. Houck	Will Daugherty.	13	
88	Lancaster	89	11			2					98	54	50	Chas. S. North	C. W. Matthews.	9	
89	S. S. Jewell	34	2				1				35	18	50	L. Henderson	C. S. Hamilton.	1	
90	Fostoria	77	11				2				86	48	50	H. R. Mickey	C. E. Davis.	9	
91	Matchette	36	12	2							49	30	50	S. A. Hawes	G. A. Katzenberger.	13	
92	Ohio	40	3				1	1			41	22	00	J. D. Foster	A. Robinson.	1	
93	LaFayette	82	26	1			1				108	67	00	Judd L. Palmer	J. R. Miles.	26	
94	Mansfield	140	37	3			1				179	108	00	F. H. Marquis	H. M. Alvord.	39	
95	Keramos	21	35	1							57	46	00	J. T. Croxall	John Stamm.	36	
96	Wright	38	29	8							75	52	00	L. H. Whiteman	Chas. S. Johnson	37	
97	Barnesville		17	31							48	32	50	J. W. Doudna	W. H Bines	48	
98	Upper Sandusky		42	31			1				72	57	00	J. W. Byers	A. Billhardt	72	
U D	Westerville		12								12	12	00	O. B. Cornell	D. W. Cable	12	
U D	Fayette		29				1				28	29	00	W. W. Hamilton	H. C. Anthoni	28	
	Totals	9167	1243	113	122	145	128	106	2	3	10261	$ 5967	50			1127	33

U D	Westerville	50 00	Dispensation Fee.
U D	Washington C. H.	50 00	Dispensation Fee.
	Dues	1 00	Dues
	Total	$ 6068	50

Analysis of Subordinate Returns to Grand Recorder

October 1st, 1907

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RECAPITULATION.

Membership

Membership July 31, 1906	9,167
Advanced to July 31, 1907	1,243
Admitted to July 31, 1907	113
Reinstated to July 31, 1907	122
Total	10,645

Deduct

Withdrawn	145
Died	128
Suspended, N—P—D	106
Suspended and Expelled	5
Total	384

Membership, July 31, 1907—10,261.

Net Gain over 1906 of 1094—The largest in the history Membership, July 31, 1907—10,261.

COMPARATIVE MEMBERSHIP

The Last Sixteen Years

Year	Membership	Increase
1892	3,408	...
1893	3,666	258
1894	3,810	144
1895	3,985	175
1896	4,222	237
1897	4,312	90
1898	4,567	255
1899	4,796	229
1900	5,188	392
1901	5,567	379
1902	6,267	700
1903	6,827	560
1904	7,590	763
1905	8,252	662
1906	9,167	919
1907	10,261	1094

PAY-ROLL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 1, 1907.

NAME	TITLE.	LOCATION.	MILES.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM PAID.
Ed. H. Archer	M. Ill. G. M	Columbus			$ 6 00	$ 6 00	E. H. Archer.
M. B. Dickerson	R. Ill. Dep. G. M	Marion	45	$ 3 60	3 00	6 60	M. B. Dickerson.
Warren J. Baker	R. Ill. G. P. C. of W	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Warren J. Baker.
Robt. V. Hampson	R. Ill. Gr. Treas.	Salem	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	Robert V. Hampson.
Wm. E. Evans	R. Ill. Gr. Recorder	Chillicothe	51	4 08	6 00	10 08	Wm. E. Evans.
Rev. V. F. Brown	R. Ill. Gr. Chaplain	Dayton	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	V. F. Brown.
Chas. H. Giessen	Ill. Gr. C. of Guards	Cleveland	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	Chas. H. Giessen.
I. L. Oppenheimer	Ill. Gr. C. of Council	Pomeroy	112	8 96	3 00	11 96	I. L. Oppenheimer.
Hugh V. Olney	Ill. Gr. Steward	Van Wert	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	Hugh V. Olney.
L. P. Schaus	Ill. Gr. Sentinel	Newark	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	L. P. Schaus.
Nelson Williams	Chr. Com. For. Cor.	Hamilton	103	8 24	6 00	14 24	Nelson Williams.
S. W. Courtright	P. M. Ill. G. M	Circleville	31	2 48	3 00	5 48	S. W. Courtright.
O. A. B. Senter	do	Columbus			3 00	3 00	O. A. B. Senter.
J. M. Goodspeed	do	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	J. M. Goodspeed.
Levi C. Goodale	do	Cincinnati	116	9 28	6 00	15 28	Levi C. Goodale.
Wm. M. Cunningham	do	Newark	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	Wm. M. Cunningham.
G. D. McBride	do	Gallipolis	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	G. D. McBride.
Graff M. Acklin	do	Toledo	124		6 00	6 00	Graff M. Acklin.
Edwin Morrell	do	Columbus			3 00	3 00	Edwin Morrell.
Lewis M. Lea	do	Sandusky	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	Lewis M. Lea.
Arthur P. Crane	do	Toledo	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	A. P. Crane.
H. E. Morrison	do	Cleveland	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	H. E. Morrison.
Wm. T. McLean	do	Sidney	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	Wm. T. McLean.
Wm. B. Anderson	do	Dayton	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	W. B. Anderson.
Geo. D. Copeland	do	Marion	45	3 60	6 00	9 60	Geo. D. Copeland.
Jewett Palmer	do	Marietta	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	Jewett Palmer.
John T. Lane	do	Conneaut	206	16 48	3 00	19 48	John F. Lane.
William A. Spill	do	Cleveland	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	Wm. A. Spill.
J. H. Bromwell	Code Com	Cincinnati	116	9 24	6 00	15 28	J. H. Bromwell
Totals			2,587	$ 197 04	$ 108 00	$ 305 04	

Pay-Roll of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 1st, 1907

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Hamilton	116	$ 9 28	$ 3 00	$ 12 28	G. W. Werden
2	Union	Steubenville	Jefferson	150	12 00	3 00	15 00	Lou W. Zimmerman
4	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Ross	51	4 08	3 00	7 08	Albert Scholl.
7	Bigelow	Newark	Licking	33	2 64	3 00	5 64	Wm. H. Chilcoat
8	Columbus	Columbus	Franklin		5 33	3 00	3 00	Alfred A. Williams
9	Reese	Dayton	Montgomery	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	W. H. Bussard
12	Zanesville	Zanesville	Muskingum	59	4 72	3 00	7 72	C. S. Hoskinson
13	Wooster	Wooster	Wayne	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	George J. Schwartz.
14	Franklin	Troy	Miami	70	5 60	3 00	8 60	F. Will Steil
15	Athens	Athens	Athens	76	6 08	3 00	9 08	James A. Palmer
16	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Highland	97	7 76	3 00	10 76	Geo. W. Barrere.
17	Springfield	Springfield	Clarke	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	C. Emil Laue
19	Hamilton	Hamilton	Butler	103	8 24	3 00	11 24	Edgar Schneider
20	Lima	Lima	Allen	88	7 04	3 00	10 04	Geo. P. Conner
22	Marion	Marion	Marion	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	Geo. H. Van Fleet
24	Norwalk	Norwalk	Huron	104	8 32	3 00	11 32	P. H. Ruggles
28	Sandusky City	Sandusky	Erie	111	8 88	3 00	11 88	J. A. Davey
32	Moriah	Gallipolis	Gallia	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	Lewis B. Shaw.
33	Toledo	Toledo	Lucas	124	9 92	3 00	12 92	Chas. E. Chittenden
35	Canton	Canton	Stark	125	10 00	3 00	13 00	Thos. H. Currie
38	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cuyahago	138	11 04	3 00	14 04	R. A. Armstrong
39	Hockhocking	Logan	Hocking	50	4 00	3 00	7 00	A. W. Mauk.
40	Conneaut	Conneaut	Ashtabula	206	16 48	3 00	19 48	L. P. Sturtevant
41	London	London	Madison	25	2 00	3 00	5 00	E. P. Fisher
44	Omega	Salem	Columbiana	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	John G. Augustine.
46	Bosworth	Gallipolis	Meigs	112	8 96	3 00	11 96	W. Plantz
47	Clinton	Tiffin	Seneca	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. E. Lott
50	Findlay	Findlay	Hancock	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	Geo. F. Beal
54	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Belmont	139	11 12	3 00	14 12	Geo. Baumgarner
55	Occonoxee	Defiance	Defiance	133	10 64	3 00	13 64	R. H. Gleason
56	Gebal	Uhrichsville	Tuscarawas	99	7 92	3 00	10 92	L. F. Romig.
58	Warren	Warren	Trumbull	172	13 76	3 00	16 76	J. S. Gildard.

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No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	AMOUNT	TO WHOM PAID.
59	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign	47	3 76	3 00	6 76	Thomas Heap
60	Tyrian	Circleville	Pickaway	31	2 48	3 00	5 48	J. R. Florence
64	Fremont	Fremont	Sandusky	112	8 80	3 00	11 80	W. S. Lewis
65	Kenton	Kenton	Hardin	61	4 88	3 00	7 88	John Wilson
68	Wauseon	Wauseon	Fulton	166	13 28	3 00	16 28	P. S. Bishop
69	Putnam	Ottawa	Putnam	107	8 56	3 00	11 56	S. F. DeFord
70	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	84	6 72	3 00	9 72	Geo. B. Toland
71	Trowel	Jackson	Jackson	90	7 20	3 00	10 20	W. E. Williams
72	Delphos	Delphos	Van Wert	103	8 24	3 00	11 24	J. E. Fast.
73	Van Wert	Van Wert	Van Wert	115	9 20	3 00	12 20	R. J. Cavette.
74	Guernsey	Cambridge	Guernsey	85	6 80	3 00	9 80	S. M. Hyde.
75	New Lexington	New Lexington	Perry	53	4 24	3 00	7 24	Edg. M. Braddock
76	Kinsman	Mt. Vernon	Knox	45	3 60	3 00	6 60	William H. Clark
78	Marietta	Marietta	Washington	114	9 12	3 00	12 12	R. B. Hanna
79	Solomon	Portsmouth	Scioto	100	8 00	3 00	11 00	J. P. Purdum
80	Akron	Akron	Summitt	132	10 56	3 00	13 56	C. W. Wickline
81	St. Marys	St. Marys	Auglaize	110				
82	Bellevue	Bellevue	Huron	96	7 68	3 00	10 68	Frank P. Hale.
83	Gwynn	Bucyrus	Crawford	68	5 04	3 00	8 04	R. V. Vaughan.
84	Delaware	Delaware	Delaware	24	1 92	3 00	4 92	Harry L. Clark
85	Logan	Bellefontaine	Logan	65	5 20	3 00	8 20	Harry S. Kerr
86	Elyria	Elyria	Lorain	122	9 76	3 00	12 76	Frank Young
87	Bellaire	Bellaire	Belmont	137	10 98	3 00	13 98	Fred P. Houck
88	Lancaster	Lancaster	Fairfield	32	2 56	3 00	5 56	Chas. S. North
89	S. S. Jewell	Marysville	Union	29	2 32	3 00	5 32	L. Henderson
90	Fostoria	Fostoria	Seneca	89	7 12	3 00	10 12	H. E. Mickey
91	Matchette	Greenville	Darke	94	7 52	3 00	10 52	S. A. Hawes
92	Ohio	Ironton	Lawrence	127	10 19	3 00	13 16	J. W. Price
93	LaFayette	Piqua	Miami	73	5 84	3 00	8 84	J. L. Palmer
94	Mansfield	Mansfield	Richland	73	5 84	3 00	8 84	F. H. Marquis
95	Karamos	East Liverpool	Columbiana	141	11 28	3 00	14 28	J. T. Croxall
96	Wright	Xenia	Greene	55	4 40	3 00	7 40	L. H. Whiteman
97	Barnesville	Barnesville	B lmont	110	8 80	3 00	11 80	J. W. Doudna
98	Upper Sandusky	Upper Sandusky	Wyandot	64	5 12	3 00	8 12	J W. Byers
	Total			6,088	$ 474 24	$ 195 00	$ 669 24	

I certify the amount of the above Pay Roll to be correct.

Columbus, O., October 1, 1907.

R. V. HAMPSON, *R. Ill. Gr. Treas.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Of the Grand Council of Ohio, from its Organization on Wednesday, January 6th, 1830, to the Present Date.

*Robert Puncheon	Cincinnati	1830-1-2-3
*William J. Reese	Lancaster	1834-5-6-7
*William B. Thrall	Circleville	1838-9-40-1-2
*John W. Milligan	Columbus	1843-4-5
*Absalom Death	Cincinnati	1846-7-8
*William B. Dodds	Cincinnati	1849-50-51
*John M. Barrere	Hillsboro	1852-3-4-5-6
*John M. Parks	Cincinnati	1857-8-9
*Charles C. Kiefer	Urbana	1860-1-2
*Timothy B. Fisher	Marion	1863
William M. Cunningham	Newark	1864-5-6
*Charles Brown	Cincinnati	1867-8
*Joseph R. Conrad	Atwater	1869-70-1-2
*Henry Theobald	Dayton	1873-4
Samuel W. Courtright	Circleville	1875-6-7
Orestes A. B. Senter	Columbus	1878-9
Joseph M. Goodspeed	Athens	1880-1
Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati	1882-3
*David P. Chamberlin	Toledo	1884-5
*David C. Winegarner	Newark	1886-7
George D. McBride	Gallipolis	1888-9
Graff M. Acklin	Toledo	1890-1
Edwin Morrell	Columbus	1892-3
Lewis M. Lea	Sandusky	1894
*John S. White	Cleveland	1895
Arthur P. Crane	Toledo	1896
John B. Romans	Seattle, Wash.	1897
Henry E. Morrison	Cleveland	1898
William T. McLean	Sidney	1899
William B. Anderson	Dayton	1900
George D. Copeland	Marion	1901
Jewett Palmer	Marietta	1902
John F. Lane	Conneaut	1903
Nelson Williams	Hamilton	1904
William A. Spill	Cleveland	1905
Edward H. Archer	Columbus	1906
Milton B. Dickerson	Marion	1907

*Deceased

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REPRESENTATIVES
INTERCHANGED TO GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO

GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Frank H. Marquis..	Mansfield
Arkansas	George D. McBride..	Gallipolis
California	Arthur P. Crane ...	Toledo
Connecticut	Edwin Morrell.....	Columbus
Colorado	Charles H. Geissen..	Cleveland
Florida	Lewis P. Schaus....	Newark
Georgia	Henry E. Morrison..	Cleveland
Illinois	William B. Anderson	Dayton
Indian Territory ...	George D. Copeland.	Marion
Indiana	Nelson Williams....	Hamilton
Iowa	William T. McLean.	Sidney
Kansas	George P. Conner...	Lima
Kentucky	Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati
Louisiana.....	Edward H. Archer..	Columbus
Maine	John W. Parsons...	Springfield
Maryland	Graff M. Acklin....	Toledo
Massachusetts	O. A. B. Senter.....	Columbus
Michigan	Wm. E. Evans.....	Chillicothe
Minnesota	George Billow.....	Akron
Mississippi	I. L. Oppenheimer..	Pomeroy
Missouri	Robert V. Hampson.	Salem
Nebraska	Lewis M. Lea.....	Sandusky
New Hampshire	Jewett Palmer.....	Marietta
New Jersey.....		
New York	W. M. Cunningham.	Newark
North Carolina	Wm. E. Banta.....	Springfield
Oregon	Wilden E. Joseph...	Columbus
Pennsylvania	J. W. Iredell, Jr.....	Cincinnati
Rhode Island	S. B. Grove.....	Urbana
Vermont	John F. Lane.....	Conneaut
South Carolina	Warren J. Baker...	Toledo
Tennessee	C. W. Carroll.....	St. Clairsville
Washington	W. A. Spill.....	Cleveland
Wisconsin	C. C. Park.....	Tiffin
England and Wales.	Lewis P. Schaus.....	Newark
Canada	George W. Fels.....	Cincinnati
General Grd Council	O. A. B. Senter.....	Columbus

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Alabama	I. L. Oppenheimer..	Mansfield
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Canada	Wm E. Evans.....	Cincinnati
General Grd Council	George Billow.....	Columbus

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INTERCHANGED FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO

GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Jacob D. Bloch	Mobile
Arkansas	R. L. Moore	Magnolia
California	James Hedges Hall	Santa Anna
Canada	Samuel Dubber	St. Thomas, Ont.
Colorado	George H. Winchell	La Junta
Connecticut	Dwight Waugh	Stamford
England and Wales	Charles F. Matier	London, Eng.
Florida	C. L. Smith	Daytona
Georgia	Robert L. Colding	Savannah
Illinois	George W .Curtis	Peoria
Indiana	Simon P. Gilliett	Evansville
Indian Territory	William L. Eagleton.	Pawnee
Iowa	Charles A. Dewey	Washington
Kansas	Thomas L. Bond	Salina
Kentucky	Charles Henry Fisk.	Covington
Louisana	Robt. Harmon Cage.	New Iberia
Maine	Webster Hazlewood.	Andover, Mass.
Maryland	John M. Carter	Baltimore
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston
Michigan	George A. Cross	Lawrence
Minnesota	L. A. Countryman	Minneapolis
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Nebraska	Charles J. Phelps	Schuyler
New Brunswick	James Masters	Moneton
New Hampshire	Rev. J. M. Durell	Dover
New Jersey	Linsly Rowe	Jersey City
New York	James Chambers	New York City, 100 Broadway
North Carolina	Walter S. Liddell	Charlotte
Oregon	A. L. Rumsey	Mt. Tabor
Pennsylvania	James B. Youngson.	Pittsburg
Rhode Island	Rev. H. W. Rugg	Providence
South Carolina	J. T. Baron	Columbia
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville
Vermont	Frank A. Phillips	Randolph
Washington	John B. Romans	Seattle
Wisconsin	Fred Ring	La Crosse

GRAND COUNCILS
AND
ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

GENERAL GRAND COUNCILS

Grand Recorders	Grand Councils	Addresses
Gen. Grand Council..	Henry W. Mordhurst...	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock
California	Wm. A. Davies.....	Alameda
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson.....	Denver
Florida	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin.....	Macon
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis, Masonic Temple
Indian Territory....	Robert Y. Morrison.....	Atoka
Iowa	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines
Kansas	Wm. M. Shaver.....	Topeka
Louisana	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry.....	Portland
Maryland	James W. Bowers.....	Baltimore, 16 E. Lex'gt.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston, Masonic Tem.
Minnesota	John Fishel.....	St. Paul
Missouri	Robt. F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis, Box 959
Nebraska	Francis E. White.....	Omaha, 1608 Capitol Av.
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury....	Concord
New York	George Van Vliet.....	New York, 16 8th Ave.
North Carolina.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington
Ohio	William E. Evans.....	Chillicothe
Oregon	Seth L. Hope.....	Portland
South Carolina.....	Zimmerman Davis.....	Charleston
Tennessee	Wm. A. Clendening.....	Nashville
Vermont	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Washington	Edward R. Hare.....	Tacoma
Wisconsin	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS

Connecticut	James McCormick.....	Hartford
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville
Michigan	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater
Mississippi	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg
New Jersey	John B. Bertholf.....	Jersey City
Pennsylvania	Frank W. Martenis.....	South Bethlehem
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS

Canada	James C. Morgan.....	Barrie, Ontario
England and Wales..	Charles F. Matier.....	London, Great Queen Street
New Brunswick.....	Frank A. Godsoe.....	St. John
Ontario	A. G. Horford.....	Toronto
Scotland	David Reid.....	Edinburg

OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1906—1909

HENRY C. LARRABEE, Baltimore, Md.,
General Grand Master.

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio,
General Deputy Grand Master.

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General Grand Principal Conductor.

CHARLES H. HEATON, Montpelier, Vt.,
General Grand Treasurer.

HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.,
General Grand Recorder.

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kan.,
General Grand Captain of Guard.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.,
General Grand Conductor of Council.

WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa,
General Grand Marshal.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark.,
General Grand Steward.

MEMBERSHIP
IN THE
GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GRAND COUNCILS		MEMBERSHIP	REPORT AS PER
Alabama	.....	416	1906
Arkansas	.....	337	1906
California	.....	2,007	1907
Colorado	.....	591	1907
Connecticut	.....	4,567	1907
Florida	.....	161	1906
Georgia	.....	1,002	1907
Illinois	.....	4,601	1906
Indiana	.....	4,684	1906
Indian Territory	.....	320	1907
Iowa	.....	922	1906
Kansas	.....	1,219	1907
Kentucky	.....	1,208	1906
Louisana	.....	405	1906
Maine	.....	3,644	1906
Maryland	.....	917	1906
Massachusetts	.....	7,120	1906
Michigan	.....	6,365	1906
Minnesota	.....	908	1906
Mississippi	.....	1,799	1907
Missouri	.....	1,477	1906
Nebraska	.....	1,092	1906
New Hampshire	.....	1,964	1907
New Jersey	.....	691	1906
New York	.....	4,377	1906
North Carolina	.....	290	1906
Ohio	.....	10,261	1907
Oregon	.....	413	1907
Pennsylvania	.....	3,814	1907
Rhode Island	.....	1,723	1904
South Carolina	.....	203	1907
Tennessee	.....	732	1907
Vermont	.....	1,320	1907
Washington	.....	690	1907
Wisconsin	.....	2,344	1907
Subordinate Councils Reported to the General Grand Council.	.....	352	1905
Total Membership in the United States and Territories	.....	74,936	

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OF

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

CINCINNATI COUNCIL, No. 1. Cincinnati.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 24, 1827.

GRENVILLE W. WERDEN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOSEPH KIRKUP, - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Edward H. Kirk	Emil W. Baurittel
Thomas Kite	Henry B. Michie
George W. Bugbee	Charles L. Ruehrwein
William B. Melish	Henry J. Sachs
James W. Iredell, Jr.	William H. Conner
Levi C. Goodale	Burr W. Blair
Jacob Ottenheimer	Harry E. Durrell
Oliver L. Perrin	George V. Stoddard
Reuben Levi	Adam R. Roll
Joseph Kirkup	Daniel Koch
Charles E. Logan	Frank S. Cowing
Charles Andrew	William J. Strauss
Watson E. Bonfoey	Henry Ruckelshausen
Jacob H. Bromwell	Frank W. Hendley
William S. Cadman	Albert K. Murray

Advanced, 30. Admitted, 4. Reinstated, 4. Died, 6. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	355
Net Gain	31
Grand Council Dues	$196.50

UNION COUNCIL No. 2. Steubenville.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

LOU W. ZIMMERMAN, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRY P. BOYER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

James E. Hill
Joseph M. Wilson
William A. Smurthwaite
George P. Wilson
B. Frank Murphy

Advanced, 24. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 1. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 12.

Membership July 31, 1907 147
Net Gain 13
Grand Council Dues $90.50

CHILLICOTHE COUNCIL, No. 4. Chillicothe.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, 1827.

ALBERT SCHOLL, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. WILLIAM BEST, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Albert E. Culter
Francis M. DeWeese
William E. Evans
Charles Hoyt
Reynold Janney
Abram C. Kopp
Louis C. Laube

Advanced, 23. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907 239
Net Gain 21
Grand Council Dues $131.00

BIGELOW COUNCIL, No. 7. Newark.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1841.

WILLIAM H. CHILCOAT, - - Thrice Ill. Master.

ALONZO P. TAYLOR, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

William M. Cunningham
Nesbit L. Browne
Lewis P. Schaus
Henry C. Bostwick
David A. Williams
William W. Neal
Walter F. Upson
William H. Smith
Edward H. Franklin
John W. Hughes
Addison L. Rawlings
Frank L. Beggs

Advanced, 30. Admitted, 2. Reinstated, 2. Died, 4. Withdrawn, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	245
Net Gain	27
Grand Council Dues	$138.50

COLUMBUS COUNCIL, No. 8. Columbus.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, December 21, 1841.

ALFRED A. WILLIAMS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILDEN E. JOSEPH, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Edward H. Archer
Bernard O. Brown
Harry H. Corns
Horatio N. P. Dole
George L. Hamrick
Thomas E. Hughes
Wilden E. Joseph
Robert T. King
David N. Kinsman
J. Nick Kœrner
Samuel Matthews
John P. McCune
Edwin Morrell
Al. L. Neeremer
Henry O'Kane
James D. Osborn
William F. Polley
Ralph R. Rickly
John B. Romans
Orestes A. B. Senter
Joseph Wiggins

Advanced, 35. Died, 7. Withdrawn, 1. Expelled, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907..... 560

Net Gain 25

Grand Council Dues..... $297.50

REESE COUNCIL, No. 9. Dayton.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 14, 1843.

WILLIAM H. BUSSARD, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES D. KIDD, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

George M. Smart
William B. Anderson
William A. Marietta
Emil A. Leonard
William F. Stoessel
Emil M. Metzgar
George L. Marshall
John T. Miller
John Cissna
George G. G. Peckham

Advanced, 25. Admitted, 4. Reinstated, 1. Died, 7. Withdrawn, 9. Suspended N—P—D., 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	526
Net Gain	11
Grand Council Dues	$276.00

ZANESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 12. Zanesville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.

Date of Charter, October 26, 1844.

C. S. HOSKINSON, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.

HERBERT H. PHILO, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER.

H. F. Achauer

A. E. Allman

W. S. Bell

J. B. Carson

John Hartmeyer

J. A. Hunter

J. B. Larzlear

G. W. McCormick

C. P. Sellers

Advanced, 12. Admitted, 1. Died, 2. Suspended N-P-D., 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	174
Net Gain	8
Grand Council Dues	$93.00

WOOSTER COUNCIL, No. 13. Wooster.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1846.

GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
LEVI R. KRAMER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

John Stevens, Jr.
George J. Schwartz

Advanced, 51. Reinstated, 1. Died, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 3. Expelled 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	108
Net Gain	46
Grand Council Dues	$80.00

FRANKLIN COUNCIL, No. 14. Troy.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 16, 1847.

F. WILL STEIL, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELMER M. FAULKNER, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

M. E. Baird
H. A. Cosley
G. W. Christian
Walter Duer
C. A. Hartley
Harry G. Hollis
John C. Schaible
D. W. Sinks
A. E. Sinks
Harry G. Rossiter
Waller G. Wells
T. M. Wright

Advanced, 8. Admitted, 1. Died, 4. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	109
Net Gain	1
Grand Council Dues	$58.50

ATHENS COUNCIL, No. 15. Athens.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

FREDERICK L. GUENTHER, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES A. PALMER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Joseph M. Goodspeed
Joseph L. Pickering
Eli R. Lash
Peter Kern
George C. Dyson
Frank P. McVay
George R. Walker
J. Halliday Cline
Curtis V. Harris
C. Leroy Bean
Charles W. Harris
Burley A. Headley
Charles M. Copeland

Advanced, 12. Admitted, 3. Reinstated, 2. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	132
Net Gain	14
Grand Council Dues	$75.00

HILLSBORO COUNCIL, No. 16. Hillsboro.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 17, 1850.

CHARLES M. KERNS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM C. COWMAN, - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

George W. Barrere, Sr.
Cotton Mather
William Hoyt
Albert W. Downham
Charles W. Anderson
Oliver N. Sams
George L. Garrett

Advanced, 4. Reinstated, 3. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	75
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$46.50

SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL, No. 17. Springfield.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 22, 1852.

HARVEY M. TITTLE, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
OLIVER H. ANDERSON, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

John W. Parsons
Samuel J. Lafferty
Charles M. Sykes
John T. Ricks
John G. Webb
Judson D. Lisle
George Marx
Oran F. Hypes
George H. Knight
William E. Banta
George Kepsay
Homer W. Calendar
Charles P. Kalbfus
Herbert T. Reese
William E. Copenhaver
Christian A. Schuster
Ralph A. Worthington

Advanced, 20. Reinstated, 3. Died, 6. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907..... 253
Net Gain 16
Grand Council Dues..... $142.50

HAMILTON COUNCIL, No. 19. Hamilton.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, November 20, 1853.

EDGAR B. SCHNEIDER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
W. A. SEWARD, - - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

William P. Cope
Thomas Dowrey
F. B. Edmands
C. C. Falk
Walter E. Jones
William H. Kendall
William J. Klein
John E. Lord
James E. Morey
David Pierce
George H. Phillips
Jacob G. Reister, Jr.
William A. Seward
Timothy Symmes
Nelson Williams

Advanced, 8. Reinstated, 3. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	134
Net Gain	9
Grand Council Dues	$72.50

LIMA COUNCIL, No. 20. Lima.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1854.

GEORGE P. CONNER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master
WALLACE LANDIS, - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Minear A. Atmur
George P. Conner
Alfred J. Gustason

Advanced, 12. Reinstated, 35. Died, 2. Withdrawn, 9. Suspended N—P—D., 21.

Membership July 31, 1907..... 121
Net Gain 15
Grand Council Dues..... $134.50

MARION COUNCIL, No. 22. Marion.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 18, 1856.

GEORGE H. VAN FLEET, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE S. MCGUIRE, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

George S. McQuire
James A. Knapp
George D. Copeland
Milton B. Dickerson
Arthur Powell
Busby P. Sweney
Michael Waddell
William J. Fies
Jacob G. Leffler
John H. Bartram
Hayes Thompson
Earl R. Wilson

Advanced, 17. Admitted, 2. Reinstated 7. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 9. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	261
Net Gain	13
Grand Council Dues	$152.50

NORWALK COUNCIL, No. 24. Norwalk.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1857.

C. H. RUGGLES, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master
HENRY S. MITCHELL, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Samuel Moore
J. A. Near
Casselton Roscoe
C. N. Frazier
W. E. Sidnell
S. M. Young
F. D. Suydam

Advanced, 5. Reinstated, 1. Died, 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	56
Net Gain	3
Grand Council Dues	$32.00

SANDUSKY CITY COUNCIL, No. 26. Sandusky.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1857.

JAMES A. DAVEY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAY D. LEA, - - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Lewis M. Lea
William L. Lewis
Edmund B. King
John Traub
Robert W. Werden

Advanced, 12. Reinstated, 8. Withdrawn, 4.

Membership July 31, 1907	184
Net Gain	16
Grand Council Dues	$127.00

MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 32. Gallipolis.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 15, 1859.

LEWIS B. SHAW, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM T. MINTURN, - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

George D. McBride
Thomas L. Bell
Henry C. Skinner
Eli G. Alcorn
Alden L. Roadarmour
Charles M. Adams
T. Ellison Bradbury
Lewis B. Shaw
Orion L. Kiger
George R. Lockwood
G. W. Clayton Poore

Advanced, 8. Admitted, 1. Died, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	92
Net Gain	7
Grand Council Dues	$50.00

TOLEDO COUNCIL, No. 33. Toledo.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 26, 1868.

CHARLES E. CHITTENDEN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
ELDRED W. EASTELL, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

D. R. Austin
Leander Burdick
Graff M. Acklin
Arthur P. Crane
Mert C. Robinson
Henry M. Barfield
James M. Bessey
Clifford G. Ballou
Eldred W. Eastell
William T. S. O'Hara
C. M. Feilbach
George H. Newcomb
John G. Glazier
Warren J. Baker
Alexander E. Forster
Hamilton A. Lavey
George H. Allen

Advanced, 65. Reinstated, 5. Died, 6. Withdrawn, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 8. Suspended Un—Mas—Con., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907..... 561
Net Gain 53
Grand Council Dues..... $320.50

CANTON COUNCIL, No. 35. Canton.

Stated Assembly, fourth Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, January 31, 1866.

THOMAS H. CURRIE, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES SILVERMAN, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Joseph Weaver
H. L. Erdman
Edwin Davis
H. R. Bauhof
H. A. Kennedy
C. J. Thomas
Orville Benson
Charles E. Tinkler
George H. Leggett
J. G. A. Richter
Millard F. Taylor
Samuel T. Keith
Charles Dickerhoff

Advanced, 20. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 3. Died, 2. Withdrawn, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 9.

Membership July 31, 1907..... 188
Net Gain 11
Grand Council Dues..... $105.50

CLEVELAND COUNCIL, No. 36. Cleveland.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 7, 1865.

ROBERT A. ARMSTRONG, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. MORRISON, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

George W. Perry
George A. Wright
William Wilkshire
Charles H. Smith
Arthur Adams
Henry E. Morrison
Judah T. Ainsworth
Robert F. Goulder
George W. Lloyd
Isaac Morris
George Miller
Edson B. Bauder
William H. Campbell
Charles H. Giessen
Gerit H. Veldhuis
John K. Corwin
Charles E. Cole

Advanced, 68. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 2. Died, 9. Withdrawn, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 5.

Membership July 31, 1907	680
Net Gain	55
Grand Council Dues	$375.00

HOCK HOCKING COUNCIL, No. 39 Logan

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

ANTHONY W. MAUK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES W. JAMES, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Charles W. James, Sr.
William S. Friesner
Oliver W. H. Wright
Anthony W. Mauk

Advanced, 4. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 1. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	57
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$31.00

CONNEAUT COUNCIL, No. 40. Conneaut.

Stated Assembly, first Tuesday each month
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

LUMAN P. STURTEVANT, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY S. SCHALK, - - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

Perry E. Miller
Henry H. Poole
William S. Wood
John F. Lane
Wilbur F. Stanley
Henry S. Schalk

Advanced, 21.

Membership July 31, 1907	246
Net Gain	21
Grand Council Dues	$133.50

LONDON COUNCIL, No. 41. London.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1866.

CHARLES E. ARBUCKLE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
W. M. FERGUSON, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

O. P. Crabb
M. W. Dungan
E. P. Fisher
B. P. Jones

Advanced, 14. Reinstated, 3. Died, 3. Suspended N—P—D., 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	52
Net Gain	11
Grand Council Dues	$43.00

OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 44. Salem.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

JOHN G. AUGUSTINE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES C. SNYDER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

R. V. Hampson
Milton Smith
Myron E. Hard
John G. Augustine
William T. Smith
L. H. Dobbins
W. E. Linn

Advanced, 23. Reinstated, 1. Died, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 8.

Membership July 31, 1907	179
Net Gain	15
Grand Council Dues	$102.00

BOSWORTH COUNCIL, No. 46. Pomeroy.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

WYATT G. PLANTZ, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. PARKER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Frank E. Bolton
Edward Davis
Isaac L. Oppenheimer
Lewis O. Cooper
A. O. Mauck
Charles H. Watson

Advanced, 3. Reinstated, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	77
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$42.00

CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 47. Tiffin.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

HENRY E. LOTT, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ARTHUR H. UNGER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Christopher C. Park
Charles Martin
Samuel Stricker
George A. Corthell
Arthur H. Unger

Advanced, 16. Admitted, 2. Reinstated, 4. Died, 2. Withdrawn, 21. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	93
Loss	2
Grand Council Dues	$56.50

FINDLAY COUNCIL, No. 50. Findlay.

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 12, 1867.

GEORGE F. BYAL, - - - Thrice Ill. Mas[illegible]
DAVID L. GRABLE, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Benjamin F. Kimmons
David L. Grable
Jacob H. Boger
William A. Lear
Francis W. Firmin
William M. Martin
Emanuel V. Wysebrod
William M. Tait
William E. Snyder
John C. Firmin
William H. Loy
John A. Gore

Advanced, 9. Reinstated, 3. Died, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	102
Net Gain	10
Grand Council Dues	$62.50

BELMONT COUNCIL, No. 54, St. Clairsville.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, November 30, 1867.

CHANDLER W. CARROLL, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES B. RYAN, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Chandler W. Carroll
F. D. Bailey
James B. Ryan

Advanced, 11. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 32. Suspended, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	48
Loss	25
Grand Council Dues	$32.00

OC-CO-NOX-EE COUNCIL, No. 55. Defiance.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1869.

FRED S. STEVER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK J. PAPENHAGEN, - - Recorder.

Advanced, 14. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 15.

Membership July 31, 1907	127
Loss	3
Grand Council Dues	$70.50

GEBAL COUNCIL, No. 56. Urichsville.

Stated Assembly, third Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, July 15, 1870.

LEWIS F. ROMIG, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
C. W. SHEPPARD, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

George W. Lavery
W. Y. Young
L. B. Roney
J. E. Groves
James Timmons
C. U. Patterson

Advanced, 6. Reinstated, 10. Died, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 7.

Membership July 31, 1907	149
Net Gain	7
Grand Council Dues	$84.00

WARREN COUNCIL, No. 58. Warren

Stated Assembly, first Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

WILLIAM H. LUDT, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JAMES S. GILDARD, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Kennedy Andrews
Henry B. Weir
John Kinsman
F. E. Paine
B. J. Taylor
William A. Spill
F. K. Smith
Fred W. Adams
James S. Gildard

Advanced, 13. Admitted, 1. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 3.
Membership July 31, 1907..... 223
Net Gain 10
Grand Council Dues..... $118.00

URBANA COUNCIL, No. 59. Urbana.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 26, 1871.

THOMAS HEAP, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HORACE M. CROW, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Alexander F. Vance, Jr.
William A. Stewart
Shephard B. Grove
Richard S. Pearce
Edwin Hagenbuch
Horace M. Crow
E. Erwood Cheaney
Marion R. Talbot

Advanced, 17. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1.
Membership July 31, 1907..... 111
Net Gain 15
Grand Council Dues..... $64.00

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FREMONT COUNCIL, No. 64. Fremont.

[illegible] [illegible] Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter April 30, 1908

W. S. Lewis - - - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.

H. S. Dorr. - - - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

J. A. Gessner
James H. Fowler
N. C. Sherwood
W. S. Lewis

Advanced, 7. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	91
Net Gain	4
Grand Council Dues	$49.00

KENTON COUNCIL, No. 65. Kenton.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, August 30, 1876.

JOHN WILSON, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN E. RUBINS, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

David S. Fisher
E. C. Humphreys
J. A. Rogers
M. C. McVitty
J. H. Allen
A. P. Cutting
J. H. Smick
J. B. Seymour
John Wilson
J. A. Morrison

Advanced, 13. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 2. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	149
Net Gain	14
Grand Council Dues	$86.00

WAUSEON COUNCIL, No. 68. Wauseon.

Stated Assembly, first Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 16, 1879.

SAMUEL K. BAKER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
FRANK W. MOYER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Wesley A. Blake
George D. Newcomer
Amos Gray
Edward L. Barber
J. V. Robinson
Guy B. Tuthill
Frank W. Zerman
C. J. Nachtrieb

Advanced, 6. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	114
Net Gain	2
Grand Council Dues	$60.00

PUTNAM COUNCIL, No. 69. Ottawa.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, March 31, 1879.

SAMUEL F. DEFORD, - - - Thrice Ill. Master
CALVIN P. GODFREY, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

J. W. Brown
E. L. Fry
Joseph Justice
J. L'H. Long
A. L. Paul

Advanced, 11. Reinstated, 2. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	130
Net Gain	11
Grand Council Dues	$80.00

SIDNEY COUNCIL, No. 70. Sidney.

Stated Assembly, third Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 30, 1882.

GEORGE B. TOLAND, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JESSE C. WILSON, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Hugh W. Thompson
James O. Amos
George C. Anderson
Edmund E. Nutt
David Oldham
William T. McLean
Thomas F. Wilkinson
William A. Perry
William Haslup
Emory C. Mumford
William A. Graham
Eber W. Stowell
Wilbur J. Emmons
William R. Wyman
Albert W. Reddish

Advanced, 10. Reinstated, 6. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	101
Net Gain	12
Grand Council Dues	$63.50

TROWEL COUNCIL, No. 71. Jackson.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 7, 1885.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES F. STEELE, - - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

Harry A. Bedel
W. H. Miller
W. H. Sloane
John R. Smith
Frank R. Crumitt
John H. Nieuvahner
H. C. Murfin

Advanced, 9. Died, 4.

Membership July 31, 1907	130
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$69.50

DELPHOS COUNCIL, No. 72. Delphos.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 20, 1890.

JULIAN E. FAST, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
F. O. BROTHERTON, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

David E. Baxter
Charles C. Bliss
Samuel D. Chambers
Julian E. Fast
Howard L. Holmes

Advanced, 9. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	80
Net Gain	8
Grand Council Dues	$45.00

VAN WERT COUNCIL, No. 73. Van Wert.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

ROBERT J. CAVETTE, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ISMA H. MALICK, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Henry Davies
John Van Liew
Hugh V. Olney

Advanced, 10. Reinstated, 2. Withdrawn, 2. Suspended N—P—D., 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	137
Net Gain	7
Grand Council Dues	$76.00

GUERNSEY COUNCIL, No. 74. Cambridge.

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday after full moon each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

SANFORD M. HYDE, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHESTER R. POTTER, - - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

J. M. Amos
Roger Kirkpatrick
Otto Thalheimer
S. M. Burgess
O. M. Hoge
W. T. Ramsey
J. W. Borton
J. G. Bair
W. S. Campbell
J. M. Wood

Advanced, 13. Reinstated, 3.

Membership July 31, 1907	97
Net Gain	16
Grand Council Dues	$60.50

NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL, No. 75. New Lexington.

Stated Assembly, third Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 6, 1891.

LA BERT DAVIE, - - Thrice Ill. Master, Pro-tem.
JAMES F. MCMAHON, - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

James F. McMahon
James F. Comly
James H. Wright
Herman F. Acker

Advanced, 12. Died, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	111
Net Gain	10
Grand Council Dues	$61.50

KINSMAN COUNCIL, No. 76. Mt. Vernon.

Stated Assembly, third Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1892.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
SAMUEL H. PETERMAN, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Charles C. Iams
Alexander Cassil
Russell J. Ash
Henry C. Devin
William H. Thompson
Frank O. Levering
Robert S. Hull
William E. Grant
Robert M. Greer
Banner M. Allen

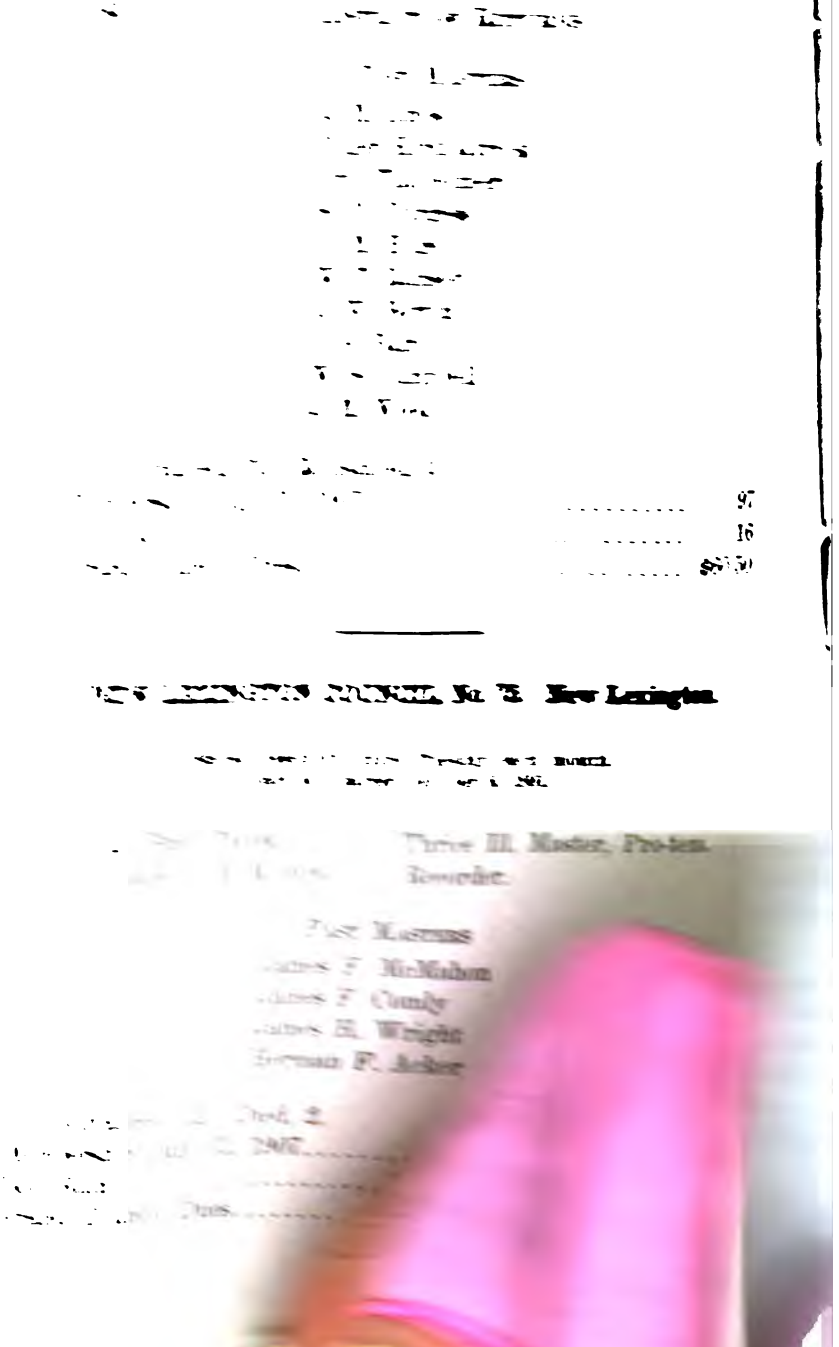
Advanced, 26. Died, 4. Withdrawn, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	171
Net Gain	20
Grand Council Dues	$98.50

MARIETTA COUNCIL, No. 78. Marietta.

Stated Assembly, fourth Friday each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1893.

ROBERT B. HANNA, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
A. W. TOMPKINS, - - - Recorder.



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KINSMAN COUNCIL, No. [illegible]

Stated Assembly [illegible]
Date of Charter [illegible]

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WILLIAM H. C[illegible]
SAMUEL H. P[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Withdrawn, 1.

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..... 60
..... $133.50

Adv[illegible]
Membership [illegible]
Net Gain [illegible]
Grand [illegible]

1. **St. Mary's.**

idays each month.
28, 1897.

Thrice Ill. Master.
Recorder.

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PAST MASTERS

Collins R. Stevens
Jewett Palmer
Henry Strecker
Curtis Preston
Charles F. Henry
Charles F. Holst
James H. Dye
John L. Barbour
O. B. Vincent
W. J. Kirkwood
H. E. Carlton

Advanced, 16. Admitted, 2. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	169
Net Gain	17
Grand Council Dues	$92.50

SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 79. Portsmouth.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 22, 1894.

JAMES P. PURDUM, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE PADAN, - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Samuel M. Johnson
George Padan
William B. Altsman
Charles F. Calvin
J. C. Adams
Andrew J. Fuller

Advanced, 30. Died, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	171
Net Gain	28
Grand Council Dues	$100.50

AKRON COUNCIL, No. 80. Akron.

Stated Assembly, second Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

CHARLES W. WICKLINE, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM E. WAUGH, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

J. W. Lyder, Sr.
George Billow
William E. Waugh
Edward Nall
Judson Thomas
Anthony H. Price
Robert B. Wilson

Advanced, 62. Admitted, 4. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	205
Net Gain	60
Grand Council Dues	$133.50

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL, No. 81. St. Mary's.

Stated Assembly, second and fourth Fridays each month.
Date of Charter, September 28, 1897.

CHARLES C. MCBROOM, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY E. HENDERSON, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

William H. Doll
E. M. Veenfliet
C. F. Gross
A. L. Saum
B. E. Thomas
V. Bodey
William H. Swift

Advanced, 7. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	85
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$46.00

BELLEVUE COUNCIL, No. 82. Bellevue.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 25, 1898.

FRANK P. HALE, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES MATZ, - - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

George E. Wood
Val. Weiher
William Aigler

Advanced, 3. Suspended N—P—D., 6.

Membership July 31, 1907	74
Loss	3
Grand Council Dues	$38.50

GWYNN COUNCIL, No. 83. Bucyrus.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 27, 1898.

ROBERT VINCENT VAUGHAN, - Thrice Ill. Master.
DONALD B. COOPER, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Cyrus W. Fisher
W. H. Crim
C. J. Scroggs
J. R. Fitzer

Advanced, 10. Admitted, 1. Reinstated, 1. Died, 1. Withdrawn, 6.

Membership July 31, 1907	124
Net Gain	5
Grand Council Dues	$68.50

DELAWARE COUNCIL, No. 84. Delaware.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 9, 1900.

HARRY L. CLARK, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM M. SEMANS, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

William A. Greiner
William E. Moore
John B. Taggart
J. Leo Sperling

Advanced, 12. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	109
Net Gain	7
Grand Council Dues	$60.50

LOGAN COUNCIL, No. 85. Bellefontaine.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 24, 1901.

HARRY S. KERR, - - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILLIAM W. RIDDLE, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Sidney Nichols
William E. Sloan

Advanced, 10. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	114
Net Gain	9
Grand Council Dues	$62.00

ELYRIA COUNCIL, No. 86. Elyria.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

SAMUEL H. SQUIRE, JR., - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES A. UBER, - - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

Clark H. Loughry
James C. Smith

Advanced, 30. Admitted, 1. Died, 3

Membership July 31, 1907	129
Net Gain	28
Grand Council Dues	$79.50

BELLAIRE COUNCIL, No. 87. Bellaire.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

FREDERICK P. HOUCK, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
WILL DAUGHERTY, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

Charles F. Strahl
J. William Oberman
T. Melvin Roseberry
William G. Geissen

Advanced, 15. Admitted, 2. Died, 3. Withdrawn, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	110
Net Gain	13
Grand Council Dues	$62.50

LANCASTER COUNCIL, No. 88. Lancaster.

Stated Assembly, fourth Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, September 23, 1902.

CHARLES S. NORTH, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHAUNCEY W. MATTHEWS, - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS

T. C. Coates
L. T. Unks
J. P. Hershberger
Fred L. Mauger

Advanced, 11. Withdrawn, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	98
Net Gain	9
Grand Council Dues	$54.50

S. S. JEWEL COUNCIL, No. 89. Marysville.

Stated Assembly, third Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 13, 1903.

LUTRELLE HENDERSON, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HENRY W. MOREY, - - - Recorder, Pro-tem.

PAST MASTERS

Judson J. Scott
John M. Broderick

Advanced, 2. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	35
Net Gain	1
Grand Council Dues	$18.50

FOSTORIA COUNCIL, No. 90. Fostoria.

Stated Assembly, second Friday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

HARRY E. MICKEY, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES E. DAVIS, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTERS
E. K. Cunningham
B. B. Campbell
A. E. Mergenthaler

Advanced, 11. Died, 2.

Membership July 31, 1907	86
Net Gain	9
Grand Council Dues	$48.50

MATCHETTE COUNCIL, No. 91. Greenville.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 4, 1904.

DR. S. A. HAWES, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE A. KATZENBERGER, - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
James I. Allread

Advanced, 12. Admitted, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	49
Net Gain	13
Grand Council Dues	$30.50

OHIO COUNCIL, No. 92. Ironton.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 3. 1905.

JAMES D. FOSTER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ALFRED ROBINSON, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
James D. Foster

Advanced, 3. Died, 1. Suspended N—P—D., 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	41
Net Gain	1
Grand Council Dues	$22.00

LAFAYETTE Council, No. 93. Piqua.

Stated Assembly, fourth Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 3, 1905.

JUDD L. PALMER, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
J. R. MILES, - - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
R. D. Burnham

Advanced, 26. Admitted, 1. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	108
Net Gain	26
Grand Council Dues	$67.00

MANSFIELD COUNCIL, No. 94. Mansfield.

Stated Assembly, second Thursday each month.
Date of Charter, October 8, 1905.

FRANK H. MARQUIS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRISON M. ALVORD, - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
Frank H. Marquis

Advanced, 37. Admitted, 3. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	179
Net Gain	39
Grand Council Dues	$108.00

KERAMOS COUNCIL, No. 95. East Liverpool.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 2, 1906.

JOSEPH T. CROXALL, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
JOHN STRAMM, - - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
Joseph T. Croxall

Advanced, 35. Admitted, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	57
Net Gain	36
Grand Council Dues	$46.00

WRIGHT COUNCIL, No. 96. Xenia.

Stated Assembly, first Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 2, 1906.

LEWIS H. WHITEMAN, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
CHARLES S. JOHNSON, - - - Recorder.

Advanced, 29. Admitted, 8.

Membership July 31, 1907	75
Net Gain	37
Grand Council Dues	$52.00

BARNESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 97. Barnesville.

Stated Assembly, second Monday each month.
Date of Charter, October 2, 1906.

JOSIAH W. DOUDNA, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
GEORGE H. KEMP, - - - Recorder.

PAST MASTER
Andrew J. Baggs

Advanced, 17. Admitted, 31.

Membership July 31, 1907	48
Net Gain	48
Grand Council Dues	$32.50

UPPER SANDUSKY COUNCIL, No. 98. Upper Sandusky

Stated Assembly, second Tuesday each month.
Date of Charter, October 2, 1906.

JACOB W. BYERS, - - - Thrice Ill. Master.
ADOLPH BILLHARDT, - - - Recorder.

Advanced, 42. Admitted, 31. Died, 1.

Membership July 31, 1907	72
Net Gain	72
Grand Council Dues	$57.00

ZABUD COUNCIL, U. D. Westerville.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.

DR. OTTO B. CORNELL, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
DR. DANIEL W. COBLE, - - Recorder.

Advanced, 12.

Membership September 19, 1907	12
Grand Council Dues	$12.00

FAYETTE COUNCIL, U. D. Washington C. H.

Stated Assembly, first Wednesday each month.

WALTER W. HAMILTON, - - Thrice Ill. Master.
HARRY C. ANTHONI, - - - Recorder.

Advanced, 29. Died, 1.

Membership September 21, 1907	28
Grand Council Dues	$29.00

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

1907

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE

Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

BY

NELSON WILLIAMS

M. W. Past Grand Master F. & A. M.

M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest R. A. M.

and M. Ill. Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Ohio,

Chairman of Committee.

CHILLICOTHE, O.

1907

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:—

We herewith present our second Report on Correspondence in which we have endeavored to briefly review the Proceedings which have been before us. In a majority of cases our review has of necessity been brief for the proceedings reviewed were brief and it has been difficult to find much that would be of interest to our Companions.

The Proceedings are as follows:

Alabama	1906	Massachusetts	1906
Arkansas	1906	Michigan	1907
California	1906-7	Minnesota	1906
Colorado	1906	Mississippi	1907
Connecticut	1906-7	Missouri	1907
England and Wales	1907	Nebraska	1906
Florida	1904-5-6	New Hampshire	1906
Georgia	1907	New Jersey	1906
Illinois	1906	New York	1906
Indiana	1906	Oregon	1907
Indian Territory	1907	Pennsylvania	1907
Iowa	1906	South Carolina	1907
Kentucky	1906	Tennessee	1907
Louisiana	1906-7	Vermont	1907
Maine	1906	Washington	1906
Maryland	1905-6	Wisconsin	1907

ALABAMA, 1906.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama convened in its sixty-ninth Annual Assembly, in the City of Montgomery, on December 3rd, 1906, Most Illustrious Companion Ben M. Jacobs presiding as Grand Master and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, in their stations.

A constitutional number of Subordinate Councils were represented, three Past Grand Masters were in attendance and Grand Representatives from nine other Grand Councils were present, among them being Most Illustrious Companion Jacob D. Block, Ohio's Grand Representative.

Much of the Grand Master's address relates to the California earthquake, and the action taken by him, in connection with the presiding officers of other Grand bodies, for the relief of the Companions of that State, or those who were unfortunate enough to live in the territory affected.

He appointed a number of Grand Representatives, among them being Companion Frank H. Marquis of Mansfield, as their Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio. An excellent appointment. He also recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils a number of Alabama Companions, among them being Most Illustrious Companion Jacob D. Block as Grand Representative of Ohio near that Grand Council.

He makes appropriate mention of the death of Past Deputy Grand Master E. S. Gatchell, and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master James Tait Beck, both of that Grand Jurisdiction, who had died during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in his hands of $382.98, and the Grand Recorder reported a net gain of ten and a total membership of 416.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion John D. Lyons of Opelika was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master. Companion George A. Beauchamp of Montgomery was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Montgomery on December 2nd, 1907.

ARKANSAS, 1906.

This Grand Council met in its Forty-fourth Annual Assembly in the City of Little Rock on the 23rd day of November, 1906, and was opened in Ample Form. It appears that all of the Grand Officers were present as well as four Past Grand Masters and Representatives from seven Subordinate Councils.

The printed proceedings are embellished by a fine portrait of the Grand Master elected at this Assembly and now serving, Most Illustrious Companion A. F. B. Oden.

The Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Peter Brickey, is a short business paper, in which he feelingly refers to departed Companions, reports the granting of a Dispensation to form a new Council at Jonesboro and a number of special Dispensations, among which we find three to receive and act upon petitions at special meetings. He first refused the request of a waiver of Jurisdiction asked by the Grand Council of Missouri over ten Companions who desired to receive the degrees in a Missouri Council, but upon receiving further light he relented and granted the waiver of Jurisdiction. He appointed a number of Grand Representatives and recommended the appointment of others. He reported his inability to attend the Ninth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Boston and his appointment of Companion Fay Hempstead as his proxy. He says he feels satisfied that Hempstead and the rest of the delegation had an enjoyable time, and we want to remark that if Hempstead did not enjoy himself then all signs fail in Boston weather. He was either entertaining or being entertained all the time, except when he was being elected to office, and it was difficult to tell from his actions which he enjoyed

the most. He seemed to be pleased to entertain; he did not decline the entertainment, neither did he decline the office.

The Grand Master reported that no questions of law had been submitted; that the condition of the Rite in that Jurisdiction was vigorous and progressive and that harmony prevailed throughout the State. This is hardly in line with the conclusion reached by Companion Stevenson of Missouri that the Grand Lecturer carried a bottle of embalming fluid with him to embalm the Councils which had shown no life.

Companion Hempstead presents a very interesting report of his trip to Boston as the proxy of the Grand Master, which is well worth reading; in fact everything Hempstead writes is worth reading. His report as Grand Recorder shows a net gain of thirty during the year and a total membership of 337, and the Grand Treasurer reports that he has a balance in his hands of $262.92.

Companion Durand Whipple whom we so pleasantly met in Little Rock, introduced a resolution which was adopted, requesting the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Arkansas to take action making the Council degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. It is quite probable that the Grand Commandery will take no such action, at least not until after the Grand Encampment of the United States has expressed itself on the matter. We notice that Companion Hempstead in his "Notes" takes occasion to say that the idea finds no favor with him.

The printed proceedings contain a fine half tone of a photograph taken at Boston in which we recognize many familiar faces, among the number, and in the front row as usual, are several Ohio boys. Unfortunately just at this time we were out "Seeing a man" and failed to get into the group.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, but as usual Companion Hempstead publishes some interesting notes concerning a number of things of interest to Cryptic Masons.

Most Illustrious Companion A. F. B. Oden of Hot Springs

was elected Grand Master, and Companion Fay Hempstead of Little Rock was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Little Rock on November 22nd, 1907.

CALIFORNIA, 1906.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California convened in its Forty-sixth Annual Assembly in the City of San Francisco on April 16th, 1906, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Edward Keil, presiding, and all other Grand Officers, except Grand Chaplain and Grand Steward, in their stations. Twelve of the fifteen Chartered Councils were represented; thirteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance and fifteen Grand Representatives responded to the roll call; all of whom were duly received and welcomed. Illustrious Companion James Hedges Hall of Santa Ana, the Grand Representative of our Grand Council near that Grand Council was in attendance.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 143 and a total membership of 1955. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $2383.91.

The address of the Grand Master is very short and could not be otherwise, because, owing to an accident, he had been disabled during the entire year, so that it was difficult for him to get around. He did however constitute one Council and authorized the constitution of another. He reports as to the business affairs of the Grand Council, that the year has been one of quiet acquiescence in conditions as they were, rather than an attempt to advance by a radical change of their regulations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

"Resolved that a Council of Royal and Select Masters of this Jurisdiction be permitted and encouraged to visit any of the Chapters located nearer to it than to any other Council, take with it its clothing and jewels and in said Chapter Hall confer the Cryptic Degrees; provided, that the candidates upon whom

the degrees are to be conferred, shall have been elected prior thereto, at the local place of meeting of said visiting Council."

Ohio has never been obliged to resort to this "Moving picture" business, and yet we have the largest Grand Council in the world. We believe a little more energy and push at the situs of the Council will bring equally good results.

This Grand Assembly was held as above stated on April 16th, 1906, and on the morning of April 18th following, the terrible earthquake, carrying death and destruction in its wake, made its appearance, and not only were homes made desolate and in fact entirely destroyed, but the Masonic Fraternity as well suffered the destruction of its Temple and all its valuable books and records. Among the other things destroyed was the report on Correspondence, which had been prepared by Most Illustrious Companion James Bestor Merritt. After the fire Companion Merritt was in poor health and could not duplicate his report. Thereupon the Grand Recorder concluded to honor the writer of this report by quoting at considerable length portions of our address to the Grand Council of Ohio in 1905. We have often thought that it would take something like an earthquake to make our Companions realize that there was anything in our efforts worth quoting.

At this Grand Assembly Companion Charles Joseph Willett of Pasadena was elected Grand Master and Companion Thomas Abraham Davies of Alameda was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1907.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in Mission Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on April 15th, 1907. The Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Charles Joseph Willett presiding, and all Grand Officers, except the Grand Conductor of Council present. Eleven of the eighteen Chartered Councils were represented; twelve Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as well as fourteen Grand Representatives

of other Jurisdictions, Ohio not being among the number. The Grand Recorder reported a net gain during the year of 52 and a total membership of 2007, and the Grand Treasurer reported a balance in his hands of $3501.65.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

"At our last Assembly we met in the Grand Old Temple, at one time considered the finest building in the West, and all about us were edifices the pride of one of the most unique and famous cities of the world. Everything gave evidence of stability and prosperity. How suddenly all was changed! The forces of nature working within the breast of Mother Earth created a convulsion that will go down in history as one of the most destructive earthquakes ever known. The power of fire was exhibited in greater and more tremendous effects than human sight had ever witnessed. But what a revelation this calamity was of the warmth and extent of fraternal sentiment in the hearts of men! The afflicted City became the center of thought for the world, and from every direction came the aid so much needed. I take this opportunity to thank, in the name of this Grand Council all Royal and Select Masters who contributed as individuals or as organizations to the help of the needy of this suffering city. Today we learn another lesson, as we look about us, that the Great Architect of the Universe has implanted in the breast of man an indomitable spirit, before which all obstacles and difficulties disappear. We find now the debris cleared away and the foundations already laid for a greater and more magnificent San Francisco."

He reported his trip to Boston to attend the General Grand Council, and a number of local visitations made by him. He said that he had not been called upon to render any decisions and was satisfied that harmony prevailed in that Grand Jurisdiction. We should think that after the terrible shaking up that California had, everything would be peaceable and quiet for a time at least.

The report on correspondence was again prepared by Most Illustrious Companion James Bestor Merritt, and if we are any judge of such matters, he writes a splendid report. We want to suggest to him however, the advisability of writing his report in duplicate hereafter, keeping one copy at his home, so that when

San Francisco shall again be destroyed we shall not be debarred of the pleasure of reading his report. Under Massachusetts he says, of the fact that Cincinnati Council No. 1 had for many years worked without a Charter:

"This brings up the question as to what a Charter is. Is it the paper or parchment with seals, etc., or is it like a franchise which exists and which can be proved by oral testimony, even though the written or printed evidence be destroyed. The San Francisco fire wiped out all the Masonic Charters of the bodies meeting in the Temple, yet they continued to meet and work. Is not a Charter like a deed? My land is mine and I can plow and sow in case of loss of deed until I can get a new one."

He joins Warvelle of Illinois in criticising Companion Conover of Michigan for being too decent and civil in his reports. He says it may be the better way but that when he sees a head he is strongly tempted to hit it. Well, we are not so sure about the best method of preparing a correspondence report. Being still green at the business we have hardly decided as to whether we want to engage in a continual scrap with our Companions of the reportorial field or not. If we should conclude that we do, we shall expose our head just a little to test the hardness of the knuckles of our friend from California. He does not like the Nebraska plan of having the correspondence reports written by the different Companions, neither do we. Speaking of the relief expressed by Companion Southgate of North Carolina at the conclusion of his review, Companion Merritt says:

"Why Companion, this is an invigorating recreation and not a toil. We absorb vitality from every report we review and finish the job with a sense of renewed strength. We hope our gain is nobody's loss. We are no vampire."

To Ohio for 1906 he gives a page and a half of fraternal review. He likes the Ohio method of receiving and welcoming the distinguished men of our various Masonic Bodies and says it is to our credit to thus recognize each others existence. It would seem that they do not do this in California.

To the compliment paid this committee in its first effort we are duly grateful, but we can assure the Companion that it was

absolutely our first effort in this line. In regard to our criticism of Kentucky methods, we have to say that we were not at all afraid of being hurt by our friends and Companions across the river. They are awfully "independent," "sovereign" and sassy, but with all have warm hearts and bright intellects, and the most of them are getting so they would rather shoot-the-chutes than one of their fellow mortals. We are however disappointed that Companion Grant did not feel equal to another report this year.

At the election of officers Most Illustrious Companion Charles Willis Norton of Stockton was elected Grand Master and Right Illustrious Companion Thomas Abraham Davies of Alameda was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of San Francisco on April 20th, 1908.

COLORADO, 1906.

The Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado convened in the City of Denver on September 19th, 1906.

All the Grand Officers were present and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion George A. Reese, assisted by the other Grand Officers. Six Past Grand Masters, Representatives from ten Subordinate Councils and twenty-one Grand Representatives were in attendance. Ohio's Grand Representative was not present.

In his address the Grand Master says he had resolved to visit each Council in the State with a view of re-lighting the "smouldering embers of Cryptic Masonry." This sounds very much like the fire was about out. He reports eight visitations but could only get four meetings out of it all. He issued a Dispensation for a new Council at La Junta and the Grand Council approved his action and granted a Charter. He made no decision on Masonic Law during the year and makes the mistake of calling the General Grand Council the "Supreme" Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain of twenty-four and a total membership of five hundred and twenty-two, while the Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $704.35.

There is no report on Correspondence and we fail to find anything else of sufficient interest to note, except the gratifying fact that our friend and Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster was elected Grand Master. He lost a salaried job to get there, but some of our Ohio boys have lost their heads to get there and did not.

Companion Charles H. Jacobson of Denver was elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Denver on September 18th, 1907.

CONNECTICUT, 1906.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut was held in Hartford on May 9th, 1906 and was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master being unavoidably absent. Twenty-three Councils were represented, this being the entire number of Councils in the State; seven Past Grand Masters and twelve Grand Representatives were in attendance. Ohio's Grand Representative was not present.

The printed proceedings which are before us are sadly mixed up in paging. If we understand the tables correctly the net gain for the year was 197 and the total membership 4426. The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $910.07.

One of the peculiar things about this Grand Assembly was that as soon as the Committees were appointed, the officers of the Grand Council vacated their stations and the officers of the local Council conferred the Super-excellent degree. It strikes me this is reversing the old saw "Business before pleasure."

The Grand Master issued a number of Dispensations to receive and act upon petitions at Special Assemblies, and made a few visitations and this is all that is covered by his address of three pages. They have a way in Connecticut of assigning the

Councils of the State to the leading Grand Officers for visitation and inspection, and the Deputy Puissant Grand Master, the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, each made reports of their visitations.

The communication of the General Grand Master in reference to this Grand Body holding aloof from the General Grand Body, and inviting it into the fold, was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence which presented the letter to the Grand Council without recommendation. It was however voted that the whole matter lay on the table until the next Annual Assembly. We presume it will continue to lie on the table long after the next Annual Assembly, for these independent and sovereign Companions seem determined to remain sovereign and independent. If they sincerely believe that it would be of no advantage to them to continue as they are, we have no objection to their doing so. But it strikes us that a Companion like Most Illustrious Companion John H. Barlow, whose acquaintanceship extends from ocean to ocean, would see the great social advantage of uniting with the General Grand Council. The General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars seem to be all right, and we cannot understand why there should be opposition to a General Grand Council.

The report on Correspondence is compiled by Companion John H. Barlow and is the eleventh Annual Review submitted by him. He gives a fraternal and courteous review of the proceedings of Ohio for 1905, quoting the little poem with which we introduced our address as Grand Master.

He compliments Most Illustrious Companion Cunningham's report on Correspondence. This however is not surprising, for nearly every correspondent whose report we have read emphasizes the marked ability of this Illustrious Companion who has had so much experience in the reportorial field.

Thrice Illustrious Companion John H. Pearce of New Haven was elected M. P. Grand Master and Illustrious Companion James McCormick of Hartford was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in New Haven on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in May, 1907.

CONNECTICUT, 1907.

This Grand Council convened in its Eighty-ninth Assembly in the City of New Haven on the 15th day of May, 1907, with all of the elective Grand Officers in their stations.

Eleven Past Grand Masters, fifteen Grand Representatives and Representatives from twenty-three Subordinate Councils were in attendance. We notice, however, that the good Companion who represents Ohio was again absent.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, assisted by his associate officers. A good portrait of the retiring Grand Master faces the title page of the printed proceedings which are before us.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain in membership of 136 and a total membership of 4527, while the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of $1051.51.

The Address of the Grand Master is a short business paper in which he gives a detailed statement of his official acts during the year, none of which seem to call for comment on our part. He made a number of visitations and issued a number of Dispensations, some of which we notice were to receive and ballot upon petitions and confer degrees at Special Assemblies.

He reports that peace and harmony prevail within their Jurisdiction and that he has not been called upon to render any decisions. He takes a stand against affiliating with the General Grand Council unless by so doing the Council Degrees could be made prerequisite to other Degrees.

We think that these are entirely separate and distinct questions. In the first place, the Grand Encampment will probably never adopt legislation making the Cryptic Degrees prerequisite to the Order of the Temple, and the General Grand Council, either with or without Connecticut, is not in a position to demand it if it should be so inclined, and we believe that the

judgment of our best informed Masons is that the question should not be agitated further, and secondly, if any of the Sovereign or Independent Grand Councils do not feel like affiliating with the General Grand Council unless there is some special benefit to be derived therefrom, they ought to stay out until they get good and ready.

We believe it is not argued by the General Grand Council, or those most interested in it, that any great benefit in a financial or numerical way will grow out of affiliation with it, but it is believed that the affiliation of all of the so-called Independent Grand Bodies with the General Grand Council would have the effect of more firmly uniting the bonds of Brotherhood and Companionship between all the Cryptic Masons in the United States. And after all, this is the great purpose of Freemasonry.

We boast of the beauty of our ritualism, and justly so; we boast of our charity, and justly so; but without that great bond of Brotherhood which unites us together and lights up the pathway of life by giving us the warm hand-clasp, the happy smiles and the cheerful words of encouragement of our Companions, the Order would fall far short of its purpose.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of our Most Illustrious Companion John H. Barlow, Past Grand Master. As usual he reviews the Sovereign and Independent Grand Councils first and gets after Companion Warvelle of Illinois for intimating that they are slow in the Nutmeg State. He also calls his attention to the fact that Connecticut, and not Illinois, is fifth in point of membership.

Ohio for 1906 is given two pages of courteous and Fraternal mention, and the address of Grand Master Spill is commended and lengthy excerpts are taken therefrom.

For the personal compliment paid the writer of this Report by Companion Barlow we are duly thankful. We hope that he

shall continue as Chairman of his Committee as long as he has inclination in that direction, and that he may also continue to visit the General Grand Council with his Nutmeg badges.

Connecticut was not before us last year but we have doubled it up this year and are now up with the procession.

Companion George E. Melins of Bridgeport was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion James McCormick of Hartford was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at some place and at some time, neither of which is shown by the printed proceedings.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1907.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales convened at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on March 21st, 1907. Companion The Earl of Euston presided as Most Illustrious Grand Master and all other Grand Officers except two were in their stations. The record states that "many other Companions of Subordinate Councils" were present, but who they were and whether they represented any Council is not shown. The record also shows that fifteen other Grand Jurisdictions were represented, Ohio being among the number and being represented by the Grand Recorder, Companion C. F. Matier. The Grand Recorder, who seems to be the whole show in this Grand Council submits a brief report showing that 42 have been admitted to the Cryptic Degrees during the year, a small increase over last year, and that the present membership is 1188.

He reported the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Florida, and the acceptance by the Grand Treasurer of the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida near that Grand Council. He called attention to the death of several "energetic" Companions, all of whom he says, "were old and highly valued friends."

A new Warrant was granted for a Council in the City of York, "under the style and title of Athelstan Council No. 31,"

and the Grand Recorder conducted the Ceremonies of Consecration. The Record shows that but one of the Grand Officers is elected, and that is the Grand Treasurer. The same Record on the opposite page says that the Grand Treasurer was appointed with all the other Grand Officers, so we give it up.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed as Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Companion Abraham Woodiwiss who has a string of titles which fill twelve lines of type in the Proceedings.

This beats anything we have seen in the United States unless it be the official record of Most Illustrious Companion George M. Moulton of Chicago. However, George is young yet and the opportunities are great for one who has the pull.

Right Honorable, the Earl of Euston is Grand Master and Illustrious Companion C. F. Matier is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA, 1904-1905-1906.

The printed Proceedings of the Grand Council of Florida, at their Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Annual Assemblies are before us in a little pamphlet of fourteen pages—not a very extended publication, but much better than none at all. These Assemblies were all held in the City of Jacksonville, that for 1904 on January 20th. 1904, that for 1905 on May 10th, 1905, and that for 1906 on January 19th, 1906.

At the Annual Assembly of 1904 Most Illustrious Companion George S. Hallmark, who had continuously held the office of Grand Master since 1878, presided, and all the other positions were filled by appointment. If we understand the Proceedings correctly, this Grand Council had been dormant, and this meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers and resuming labor. The Grand Recorder announced the appointment by the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, of Companion Charles L. Smith, as the Grand Representative of this Jurisdiction near that of Florida. We notice that in the election of officers Companion Smith was elected Grand Master and Companion James W. Boyd was elected Grand Recorder.

At the Annual Assembly of 1905, the Grand Master being absent, the Deputy Grand Master Companion Louis C. Massey presided. Representatives from four Subordinate Councils were in attendance and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

There being no address by the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder reported that a Dispensation had been issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to the necessary number of Companions to form a Council U. D. at Plant City, Florida, and that the Companions were present asking a Charter. This Charter was subsequently authorized to be issued under the name and number of Tyler Council No. 4. All the Grand Officers for the previous year were re-elected.

At the Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly the Grand Master was again absent, but all other Grand Officers were in their stations and the Deputy Grand Master presided.

Representatives from five Subordinate Councils were in attendance. The Grand Recorder reports a total membership of 161 and says that the five Councils have all sent in their returns and remitted their dues for the year.

The Treasurer reports a balance in the Treasury of $190.15, which seems to us pretty good for so small a membership.

The Committee on By-Laws and Jurisprudence reported a new Constitution and Regulations which was adopted and is printed with the Proceedings.

A Committee on Correspondence was appointed which indicates that this Grand Council, having survived the ressurrection, intends to assume all the dignity of its older and stronger sister Jurisdictions. We are glad of this and trust that the few Companions who have assumed the labor of reviving this Grand Council may have abundant success. We give you the glad hand of welcome into the Correspondence field in which we are still a tenderfoot, and if the distance were not so great we would be glad to cultivate a personal acquaintance in one of your orange groves where we could satisfy ourselves at something less than fifty cents per dozen.

Most Illustrious Companion Louis C. Massey of Orlando was elected Grand Master and Wilber P. Webster of Jacksonville was elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Jacksonville on January 18th, 1907.

GEORGIA, 1907.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia convened in the City of Macon on April 23rd, 1907 and the printed Proceedings are before us. They show that the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, Companion Thomas F. Moody, and that all the Grand Officers except one were in their stations. Three Past Grand Masters, one Past Deputy Grand Master, Representatives from twenty Subordinate Councils, and Grand Representatives from twenty other Grand Jurisdictions were present. Among this number was our genial friend and Companion Robert L. Colding who ably represents the largest Grand Council in the world.

The introductory to the Grand Master's Address is a beautiful combination of fact and imagery. Among many other good things he says:

"Masons are no less builders now than in the days of yore. While ancient craftsmen erected only structures which the ruthless march of Time has utterly effaced, we are building that which the tooth of Time cannot erase, which death cannot dim. We are making, each in his way, a character for eternity; and since man builds his character by the pattern which his ideals furnish him, where in the universe can you find loftier, more inspiring ideals than those inculcated in Masonic teaching? Reverence to God, obedience to law, uprightness of conduct, the helping hand to the needy, each member a life guard over the sanctity of the home, charity to all and malice to none. These are the beautiful garments of perennial youth in which Masonry arrays herself."

He issued a number of Special Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at Special Assemblies without waiting the

usual time and reported one decision. He issued his proxy to Companions who constituted two Councils and reports the arrest of one Charter. The Grand Master makes appreciative mention of the courtesies shown the Companions of Georgia by the Grand Council of Massachusetts and the citizens of Boston, and is glad that the day is coming when they can reciprocate. The report of the Committee on Finance and Returns showed a balance on hand of $182.63, while the number on the roll was 1002.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion W. H. Nurnberger of Augusta was elected Grand Master and Companion W. A. Wolihin was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Macon on April .8th, 1908.

ILLINOIS, 1906.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois convened in its Fifty-fourth annual assembly in the City of Chicago on October 24th, 1906. Companion Raymond L. Leonard, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presided and all of the other Grand officers, except the Grand Treasurer, were in their stations. Thirty-nine Subordinate Councils were represented, seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as well as the Grand Representatives from twenty other Jurisdictions.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials says that twenty-nine Grand Representatives were present, but we can only count twenty. These Grand Representatives were properly received, and through Companion George W. Warvelle extended the Fraternal greetings of their respective Jurisdictions. The Proceedings do not show whether Ohio's Grand Representative was present or not and we therefore presume he was absent.

The Report of the Grand Recorder showed a net gain during the year of 279, and a total membership of 4335.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance in his hands of $3394.73.

One of the features of the Report of the Grand Recorder is a list of thirty-three extinct Councils, several of which were in good cities that ought to support thriving and prosperous Councils.

The Grand Master in his address reports the issuing of an "Encyclical Letter" of instructions and the dividing of the State into Nine Arches, as we do in Ohio. We notice, however that the Inspectors of these Arches have two Assistants which ought to make the work easy.

The Grand Master well says:

"The Council Degrees stand at the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry and should be the aim and objective point of every Mason; he should not rest content until he has reached the climax and is in possession of our ultimate secrets and a participator in our highest mysteries."

He issued a number of Dispensations some of which we notice were for receiving and balloting upon petitions and conferring degrees at Special Assemblies. He instituted one new Council by telephone proxy, which we suppose is alright in Illinois as it is Sovereign and Independent and has a right to do as it pleases. He issued commissions to twenty-nine Grand Representatives and recommended for appointment an equal number of Grand Representatives.

In reference to his visit to the General Grand Council he says:

"The thought occured to me then and there that we live in a day of consolidation and large work, and while there is a certain charm in standing alone, and independent in a sense, yet it confers no glory or benefits that compare with being identified with our Sister Grand Councils as a whole and enjoying the rank and prestige to which we as one of the older and larger Jurisdictions are entitled."

He then recommended that the matter of affiliation with the General Grand Council be referred to a Special Committee to report at the next session of the Grand Council. We notice, however, that his recommendation was not concurred in by the

Committee on Topical Reference, the only argument being that the matter had been decided adversely. Perseverance does not seem to be a virtue in Illinois.

We are at least glad that the Grand Master went down to Boston and had his eyes opened, and that he had the courage to honestly express his sentiments. If he and the other Companions of his Jurisdiction who feel as he does about the matter will but keep pegging away, it will not be long until the infusion of new blood into that Jurisdiction will stimulate the action of the stony heart of the Cryptic Masons of that State, and it will begin to beat more warmly for Companions who are under the Jurisdiction of what are called Constituent Grand Councils. He closes his address by stating that Illinois holds her place proudly and moves forward with the hope that she may soon not be the fourth in membership but even perhaps the very first. This is a beautiful dream, but with Ohio gaining at the rate of one thousand per year its realization is a long way off.

We notice that the Committee of Jurisprudence reported that the installation must begin with the "Thrice Illinois Master". Of course, this is a misprint, but as everything in Illinois appears to be illustrious we presume the two words may be used synonymously.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion George W. Warvelle and is his fifteenth Annual Review. He frankly says that he finds very little in the Proceedings which have been before him to merit comment, approval or criticism, and that therefore his reviews are short. Eliminating statistical information, as he does, from his Review, he must find it pretty dry picking to get anything to submit to his Companions.

As things appear to be moving so smoothly in the Cryptic world, our Grand Masters seem to be content with a mere recital of official actions and duties performed, and very few of them drift into the realm of suggestion or recommendation, and fewer still have much to say of historical value.

In his Review of Alabama for 1905 the Reviewer fails to

state the important fact that this Grand Council decided to rescind its former resolution severing its connection with the General Grand Council and become one of its constituents. How so important an action could have been overlooked by the Reviewer we are unable to understand. It looks a little to us as if the lawyer were at work here and not the Reviewer.

Under Indiana for 1905 he questions the expediency of giving numbers of old defunct Councils to new Councils organized in the same places. We think he is exactly right in this position and can see no reason on earth for assigning to a new Council a number which carries with it the false impression, as it were, that it is an old Council when in fact it is still in its swaddling clothes.

He also believes that the ruling in Ohio that Councils U. D. may not affiliate on dimit is correct.

Under Kansas for 1906 he says that it is a very dry State and everybody cannot afford to go down to the Missouri line every time they need a little spiritual consolation. This is tough on our friend Stevenson and we expect to see him come back with suggestions of "Anheuser-Busch" etc. He says that Companion Grant of Kentucky ought not to complain because his Jurisdiction received but six lines of type in his last Review, for it was a great stretch of imagination to work in even six lines.

If we should have been as saucy as this to our old Mother we should have expected, and would probably have received, some physical demonstration of her displeasure, and if Companion Grant does not do the spanking act he ought to no longer boast of Kentucky being the Mother of Illinois.

It seems that Companion Conover of Michigan, appreciating the fact that Companion Warvelle needed light in the esoteric work, presented him with a cypher ritual, but that his courteous and Fraternal act was not properly appreciated by the Committee on Jurisprudence who recommended that no further courtesies of this kind be extended. Companion Warvelle, therefore, rises to remark that the Fraternal courtesies are mutual, inasmuch as he has generously donated to the Grand Council of

Michigan his "Commentary on the Vedic Hymns." We do not know what this is but presume that it is good as is everything that comes from Warvelle's pen.

Under Vermont he says:

"The Proceedings were as brief as woman's love and confined to matters of strictest routine."

This is a very unsatisfactory statement. If the Reviewer would have indicated the length of the Proceedings by lines or pages we would then have had some conception of his idea of the brevity of woman's love.

Ohio for 1905 gets one page of Fraternal comment in which the Reviewer says he thinks it will be some time before another Jurisdiction will succeed in passing us. He also says that the visitations made by our Inspectors are not merely theoretical, as is the case with them. We should think with Inspectors for the Arches and Assistants for the Inspectors there ought to be *no* difficulty in securing inspection of all the Councils in that Jurisdiction.

We join with him in a regret that Companion Cunningham has retired from the reportorial field and we accept his invitation to a seat at the Round Table of the Guild.

He pays us the personal compliment, which we very highly appreciate, of publishing under a separate head the little poem with which we introduced our address as Grand Master in 1905. We take no credit for this effort, for our appreciation of the privilege we have of living in our beautiful land and of enjoying the companionship and fellowship of so many good men as we find in our Fraternity, always inspires the soul and lifts it to higher impulses, and this is in itself poetic inspiration.

Companion Warvelle, as is usual with him, appends to his Review historical notes and other matters of great interest to the reading Mason.

Companion Albert T. Hey of Springfield was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion Gil W. Barnard of Chicago was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Alton on September 11th, 1907.

INDIANA, 1906.

The Grand Council of Indiana convened in its Fifty-first Annual Assembly in the city of Indianapolis on October 16th, 1906, all of the Grand Officers being in their stations, sixty-one out of sixty-two Chartered Councils being represented, sixteen Past Grand Masters being in attendance, as well as twenty-two Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions, in the list of which we find the name of Illustrious Companion Simeon P. Gillett of Evansville, our Grand Representative near that Grand Council.

The Recorder reported a net gain during the year of 471 and a total membership of 4684. The net gain in membership was larger than for any previous year and the neighboring Grand Councils on the North and West must guard well their laurels. The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $2507.19.

In speaking of the peaceful condition of the Craft in that Jurisdiction, the Grand Master well says:

"No greater solace touches the soul than peace. From the time when the lowly Nazerene spoke peace to the troubled waters to this hour, the heart has always sent up its most fervent prayer for peace. Peace and the Liberty that is born of it is the universal center towards which all races and conditions of men tend. When tired and worn and racked with the cares and perplexities of life, we cry for peace; Nations sweep into the maelstrom of war and carnage and cry for relief and then comes peace, pro found peace. So over all comes the benign blessing today. Let us lift up our hearts in glad acclaim and thankful praise."

He issued his proxies to four Illustrious Companions as Special Deputies to constitute the four Councils under Dispensation. He granted one Dispensation for a new Council at Martinsville, which subsequently received its Charter at the hands of the Grand Council. He states that he has received some caustic criticism on his action in joining with the other Grand Bodies in an appeal for the San Francisco sufferers, but that his conscience is entirely clear in the matter, even though he may have violated some technical provision of the organic law of that Jurisdiction.

He suspended the functions of one Council and gave them a

chance for their white alley by notifying them to appear at this Annual Assembly and show cause why their Charter should not be annulled. We notice that the Companions failed to appear and they got the Grand Bounce in due Masonic form. He rendered no decisions and closes his address with the admonition:

"Put out a hand to humanity everywhere and exemplify Masonry."

On petition of Kokomo Council No. 60 praying for the restoration of their former No. 39, the Committee reported favorably, but on motion of Past Grand Master Keiper this report was not agreed to.

We believe this action right as there is no reason on earth why a new Council simply because it is organized in the same place where some former Council existed should be given the number of the old Council. We believe that the older Masonic Bodies as a rule have considerable pride in their numbers, and whether they do or do not, the number imputes age as a rule and it is unfair and deceptive that a Masonic Body just organized should be given a number ahead of Bodies which have been in existence for many years. Some writers contend that if the Charter is restored, then the old number may be given. But how on earth can you restore a Charter which has been annulled. If it has simply been arrested by the Grand Master, then it may be restored by the Grand Council, but if the action of the Grand Master in arresting the Charter has been approved by the Grand Council, the Charter is then annulled, or in other words is dead and no power on earth can revive it or restore it. The moment it is annulled, it dies, and the moment it dies, the territory for which it stood becomes open territory and when the petition for Dispensation is again presented it must be for a new Council and should therefore have a new number.

This is at least the way we look at it and if we are wrong there are a dozen fellows slinging ink in different Jurisdictions that will be climbing our anatomy next year.

The Report on Correspondence, in these Proceedings designated as an Annual Cryptic Review, is from the pen of Com-

panion Henry W. Mordhurst and is his seventeenth report. Ohio for 1905 receives Fraternal mention, the Reviewer calling attention to a slip of the pen in writing the word *instituted* instead of *constituted* in reporting our constitution of Fostoria Council No. 90. We stand corrected Companion Mordhurst, although the difference between the two words suggests the oft repeated teedle-dum and teedle-dee. This criticism was probably suggested by the search which we *instituted* in Boston for a dairy lunch, where good looking waitresses wore clean aprons, pleasant smiles and some other things, and the rolled oats and New England cream which *constituted* our breakfast.

Companion James K. Allen of Terre Haute was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Calvin W. Prather of Indianapolis was re-elected Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Indianapolis on the 22nd day of October 1907.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1907.

The Grand Council of Indian Territory held its Thirteenth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall at El Reno on April 17th, 1907. The Most Illustrious Grand Master was sick and could not be present and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by the Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers. Seven Past Grand Masters, Representatives from six Subordinate Councils and ten Grand Representatives were in attendance. The printed Proceedings come before us in a pamphlet of less than thirty pages, which shows that the business of the session was not extensive.

The Grand Master in a three page Address reported that the condition of the Craft was harmonious; that no decision on Masonic law had been rendered; one Council U. D. had been constituted; one Dispensation for a new Council had been granted, and the usual number of Grand Representatives had been appointed or recommended for appointment.

The Grand Recorder reported a net gain during the year of

34 and a total membership of 320. This is not a large membership, being only a third of the net gain in Ohio for the present year, but if the Companions are awake to their duties and have proper appreciation of the Cryptic Rite, and pluck and courage to persevere, there will come a day when the membership cannot be given with three figures.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $334.12. There is no Report on Correspondence.

Most Illustrious Companion Robert Y. Morrison of Atoka was elected Grand Master and Right Illustrious Companion Joseph S. Murrow of Atoka was re-elected Grand Recoredr.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at McAlister on April 22nd, 1908.

IOWA, 1906.

This Grand Council convened in its Seventh Annual Assembly at Marshalltown on October 2nd, 1906, Companion Amos N. Alberson, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presiding, and all Grand Officers, except one, in their stations. The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Eighteen of the twenty-one Chartered Councils were represented. Four Past Grand Masters and seventeen Grand Representatives were in attendance, Illustrious Companion Charles A. Dewey, Ohio's Grand Representative near that Grand Council being among the number.

There was a decrease in membership during the year of 1878 as shown by the Grand Recorder's report, which reduced the total membership to 922. We are sorry to note this decrease, but trust that the effect will be to stimulate to greater endeavors in the future. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer was $1171.54.

When we looked upon the steel engraved portrait of the handsome Grand Master which faces the title page, our first thought was that he must be a native of Ohio, and upon further examination of the Proceedings, we find that we are correct. This does not mean that all good looking Grand Masters come

from Ohio but that all Grand Masters which come from Ohio are good looking.

The Address of the Grand Master is a brief statement of his official acts during the year. He appointed Grand Representatives to all Grand Councils of the United States with whom they are in Fraternal intercourse and recommended for re-appointment the Companions representing those Jurisdictions near that Grand Council. We notice that in giving the name of Most Ill. Companion McLean of Sidney as their Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio they spell it "McClean", which is incor rect. We notice also from his report that Most Illustrious Companion W. F. Cleveland returned $25.00 of the amount given him to spend on his trip to Boston. How on earth could you do this Companion Cleveland? You seemed to be paying your own way and you had about everything that was going. You must have secured reduced prices on fruits and condiments, and could not have put up much for the support which was so unanimously given you for the office which you carried home with you.

Most Illustrious Companion Cleveland presents his fifth report on Fraternal Correspondence, in which he reviews twenty-seven Proceedings in his usual brief, but interesting manner. Ohio for 1905 receives courteous and Fraternal mention. He expresses his regret at the decision of Companion Cunningham to retire from the reportorial field in the Cryptic Rite. We all regret it.

Companion H. C. Shadbolt of Emmetsburg was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Alf. Wingate of Des Moines was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Fort Dodge during the first week in October 1907.

KENTUCKY, 1906.

The Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters (organized December 10th, 1827), held its Seventy-ninth Annual Assembly in the City of Louisville on October 15th, 1906. All of the Grand Officers appear to have been present, as well as fifteen Past Grand Masters and Representatives from seventeen Subordinate Councils.

The Address of the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion William A. Johnston, was very brief, covering only a little over a page of the printed Proceedings. He reports that death has not invaded the official circle of that Grand Council. He issued Commissions to Grand Representatives near the Grand Councils of North Carolina, Oregon and New Jersey, and received a Commission naming himself as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near that of Kentucky. He rendered no decisions, made one visitation and granted one Dispensation to "resume labor." He was not however advised as to whether the Council had resumed.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $673.96 and the Grand Recorder's Report shows a net gain during the year of 90 and a total membership of 1208. He says "Little has been done during the year now closing, therefore there is little to report," and this seems to describe the situation exactly.

Most Illustrious Charles H. Fisk, Ohio's Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Kentucky was present and participated in the labors of the Assembly.

On recommendation of the proper Committee, it was ordered that a Charter be granted to Somerset Council U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence of which our good friend and Companion W. La Rue Thomas was Chairman, congratulated the Grand Council on the fact that one of their Grand Representatives had "shown signs of life," and made a report to his Grand Council. We think this circumstance worth mentioning and are vowing right now that hereafter we will make report to the Grand Council which has honored us by appointment as its Representative. May we not forget it. In our opinion the

most important action of the Assembly was the introduction of a Resolution by Past Grand Master George A. Lewis, that the Grand Council of Kentucky become a constituent of the General Grand Council. This must have been like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. The record says there was animated discussion and a motion was adopted referring the matter to a Committee to report at the next Session.

This Committee is composed of three Past Grand Masters, namely, Companions W. La Rue Thomas, G. A. Lewis and Charles H. Fisk.

Get in the band wagon Companions of Kentucky! Between us there is the mere thread of a river, and we of Ohio would like to be able to clasp you by the hand and call you our real sister. As it is you go round boasting of your independence and wearing a jaunty air of "Sovereignty" which elevates your chin just a little and we are undecided as to whether it is an evidence of haughtiness, or only an effort to get the proper pucker on your lips for the kiss of sisterhood.

There is no report on Correspondence. Companion Samuel Leidigh of Louisville was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion Henry B. Grant, also of Louisville, was re-elected M. Illustrious Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the city of Louisville on October 14th, 1907.

LOUISIANA, 1906.

Grand Council assembled on February 8th, 1906 in the Masonic Temple in New Orleans, with all the Grand Officers present, and was opened in Ample Form.

Four Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of ten other Jurisdictions were in attendance, among the number being Most Illustrious Companion R. H. Cage who is Ohio's Grand Representative.

The Grand Master in his Address feelingly refers to the death of Past Most Illustrious Companion John S. Alfred and

other Companions of that Jurisdiction. He says Cryptic Masonry gave promise of being unusually active during the year just past, but that owing to the rigid quarantine which prevailed but little had been accomplished.

He appointed Most Illustrious Companion Edward H. Archer of Columbus as the Grand Representative of that Grand Council near the Grand Council of Ohio—a good appointment. With a view of reviving the lagging interest which he says prevails in some of the Councils, he chopped up the Ritual in small fragments and recommended that it be distributed in this manner to the Subordinate Councils. He thinks that each officer in the sacred precincts (probably bath room) of his own home will thus become profieient in his work, and that when these several parts are brought together, they will, without the aid of axe, hammer on any tool of iron, be fitted with such exactness as to form a complete and perfect whole. It is not often that emasculation results in resuscitation.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of fifteen and a total membership of 382, while the Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $376.63. There is no report on Correspondence. Companion Gus D. Levy was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Richard Lambert Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1907.

Grand Council again met in the City of New Orleans on February 7th, 1907. All the Grand officers were present, together with seven Past Grand Masters, and a number of Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, among the number being Most Illustrious Companion R. H. Cage, our own Grand Representative.

The Grand Master reports a condition of peace and harmony prevailing; that all of the official family have been spared during the past year; that no new Councils have been added to the rolls; that he made no visitation, issued one Dispensation, and rendered no decisions.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain of 49 during the year and a total membership of 405, and the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $750.63.

Fifty dollars was appropriated for the purpose of erecting a tomb to the memory of a deceased Past Grand Master, $150.00 to procure jewels for Past Grand Masters, and $100.00 for the dissemination of the work.

There is no report on Correspondence. Most Illustrious Companion Gus. D. Levy of New Orleans was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert of New Orleans was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Fifty-third Annual Assembly will be held in New Orleans on February 6th, 1908.

MAINE, 1906.

This Grand Council met in its Fifty-second Annual Assembly in the City of Portland on May 2nd, 1906.

The Grand Master could not be present and the Grand Council was opened in full form by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers.

Representatives from each of the sixteen Chartered Councils of the State were present, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and twenty-six Grand Representatives were in attendance, but our own Grand Jurisdiction was not represented.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows a net gain during the year of 180, and a total membership of 3644, and the Grand Treasurer admits that he has an unexpended balance of $898.72.

The Grand Master having been obliged, for business reasons, to leave the Jurisdiction, had performed but few official acts and required but one page of the Record to state what they were.

The Deputy Grand Master presented a much more extended Report in which he shows how really valuable a Deputy Grand Master may become in the absence of the Grand Master. He made many visitations, and unless we are mistaken he enjoyed the banquets very much. He predicts that the work of one

Subordinate Council will become *"nulli secundus."* Now wouldn't that jar you? We shall await the arrival of information as to what happens to the work after it gets into this condition. Sounds to us much like a prize fight.

The Grand Principal Conductor also presented a Report, as is customary in that Jurisdiction, and we notice that he also passed upon the quality of the banquets which were served. They all seem to be sumptuous.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Companion Albro E. Chase, Past Grand Master, and is a very readable Review of twenty-seven proceedings.

Ohio is given three pages of Fraternal Review and liberal quotations are made from the address of the Grand Master, and the Reports of the Grand Recorder and Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Alexander A. Beaton of Stockton Springs was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion Stephen Berry of Portland was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly was to have been held at Portland on May 8th, 1907.

MARYLAND, 1905.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on November 22nd, 1905, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion James F. Allen and all the other Grand officers being in their stations. The Deputy General Grand Master, four Past Grand Masters, one Past Grand Deputy Master and Representatives from eleven Subordinate Councils were in attendance, as well as the Representatives from fifteen other Grand Jurisdictions.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in bank of $213.23.

The address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master is short, covering but five pages, three of which are devoted to Necrology and visitations. He reports that all of the Councils in the Juris-

diction except two have been visited by him during the year. He appointed a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of California and recommended the appointment of six Grand Representatives of sister Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Maryland. In commenting on the State of the Rite, he quotes Companion Cunningham's closing remarks with approval and says that all of the Councils in that Jurisdiction with one exception are in a satisfactory condition. The Grand Master has carefully prepared a table showing the number of Royal Arch Masons and Cryptic Masons in the United States and the percentage of the former who are Select Masters. From this it appears that 22.7 per cent of the affiliated Royal Arch Masons are members of Council. In Ohio the percentage is thirty-six as shown in said table, while the highest is sixty and the lowest is nine per cent.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion Graham Dukehart says in closing his report that all the Councils are in very much better condition than formerly; that more interest is manifest in Cryptic Masonry than ever before and that the outlook is very promising for the future. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of which Most Illustrious Companion John M. Carter is the chairman, submitted its report showing the review of thirty Proceedings. In closing he says:

"The perusal of these reports has been interesting and instructive, containing, as they do, a full account of the doings of the Craft throughout the country; but we are admonished that the slender resources of the Grand Council will not permit the publication of our impressions, and comments thereon."

This is too bad, for Companion Carter would undoubtedly prepare and present an interesting review of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The General Grand Deputy Master Illustrious Companion Henry C. Larrabee was in attendance and was received in proper manner, as were all the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Illustrious Companion George Cook was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion James W. Bowers was elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

MARYLAND, 1906.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on November 21st, 1906, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion George Cook, presiding, and all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, in their stations.

Six Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as well as the Representatives from eight Subordinate Councils and the Grand Representatives from twenty-one Foreign Jurisdictions. Among the latter was Companion John M. Carter, Ohio's Grand Representative near the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland.

The abstract of returns for the years 1904 and 1905, which is attached to the Proceedings, shows a net increase of eighty-seven, and the Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in bank of $361.96. The address of the Grand Master is quite short and refers only to the routine work of the year.

The Committee on Correspondence reports that they have received and examined thirty-four printed Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and they make no comment, criticism or recommendation on or concerning the same. The Committee say that there is a growing disposition to adopt and corporate the Super-Excellent Master Degree as the third in the series of the Council work, but that as yet this Degree has no place in the Curriculum of either Chapter or Council in Maryland.

One of the pleasing incidents of this Assembly was the presentation to the Grand Council by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Thomas J. Shryock, of the portrait of the General Grand Master, Henry Clay Larrabee, who is of that Jurisdiction.

All the Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions who were present were properly received and extended the Fraternal greetings of their respective Grand Councils.

Companion Graham Dukehart of Baltimore is Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion James W. Bowers of Baltimore is

Grand Recorder and Companion John M. Carter also of Baltimore is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held in the City of Baltimore on November 20th, 1907.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1906.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Massachusetts for the year 1906 are before us in a pamphlet of 172 pages, to which is added the Constitution of the Grand Council, Forms, etc., making about forty additional pages. The printed Proceedings cover three Special Assemblies and one Annual Assembly.

The first and third Special Assemblies were held for the purpose of exemplifying the work, and the second was held on June 18th, 1906, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the United States of America. The exercises incident to this reception and welcome were interesting and inspiring to those of us who had the good fortune to be present, and are given in full in the Proceedings. We regret that we have not space to publish them for the edification of our Ohio Companions. Suffice to say that for thoughtful consideration, attention to detail, refined expression, historical reference, sincerity of welcome and real eloquence these exercises, and the Addresses incident thereto, have not been excelled.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the beautiful Ionic Hall, in the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on December 12th, 1906, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Edwin S. Crandon, presiding, and all Grand Officers in their stations.

A large number of Past Grand Officers were present which shows that their interest in the Rite did not cease with their retirement from office. There were also present Representatives from twenty-one Subordinate Councils, and Grand Representa-

tives from twenty-five other Grand Councils, Ohio being among the number, being our good fortune to be represented by Companion J. Graham Walker, the energetic, hustling Grand Recorder of that Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain during the year of 205, and a total membership of 7120. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of cash in bank of $1498.85, but if we understand the Report of the Finance Committee they have other investments making a total amount of available funds of $5991.31.

The Grand Master commences his Address with the statement that the Grand Council was meeting for the eighty-first time in Annual Assembly—three times nine times three—mystical rounding out of an epoch in Cryptic history in Massachusetts. He pays tribute to those who have passed behind the veil during the year, there being one hundred and seventeen in that Grand Jurisdiction. He expressed complete satisfaction at the manner in which the Committee on Entertainment of General Grand Council had performed its duties, and on the way Boston Council had exemplified the work of the Super-Excellent Degree. The following is worth quoting in full:

"The Triennial gatherings now are matters of history; the hospitality of Massachusetts Masons has been extended, and the generous emulation of cordial effort to make happy the Companions from afar has passed into matters of record in the hearts of our guests and in our own. For in this striving to make each other happy we know that we find our own greatest happiness, for so has God ordained, that the greatest blessing to man comes when he blesses most his brother man."

He rendered two decisions, both of which appear to be correct. He refused a Dispensation for a new Council at Marlborough where the petition had been pending for several years, and each succeeding Grand Master had unloaded the problem on his successor. He closes his address as follows:

"The Grand Council of Massachusetts grows stronger year by year, not only in total of membership but in the ever increasing realization in the hearts and lives of the members of what Cryptic Masonry means. Thus we close our year with distinct progress made towards the ideal, with greater love, each to the

other, with God's blessings richly bestowed upon us, with confidence in the future and with determination to build yet more stately mansions as the swift seasons roll."

Right Illustrious Companion J. Gilman Waite presents his ninth report on Foreign Correspondence in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions as well as of the General Grand Council.

He compliments Ohio by devoting six pages to our Proceedings for 1906.

He quotes liberally and with approval from the Address of Grand Master Spill. He says the blanks for Inspectors' Reports are complete, and that a table compiled from these Reports gives the most complete key to the condition of each Council's affairs that he has ever seen. He approves the decisions of our Grand Master and commends his recommendation that copies of the Proceedings of Grand Bodies be always kept in the Lodge Room. He agrees with us in some of the thoughts expressed in our report of last year, and in fact seems to think so well of them that he gave them space in his report.

We join with him in the regret that Companion Cunningham concluded to serve no longer as Chairman of this Committee, and for the pleasant things he says of his successor we are duly thankful.

Edwin S. Crandon of Cambridge was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion J. Gilman Waite of Boston was re-elected Grand Recorder. He is also Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Assembly will be held on December 11th, 1907, presumably in Boston.

MICHIGAN, 1907.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council met at Port Huron on May 20th, 1907, the Grand Master Arthur H. McCloud whose portrait faces the title page of the printed Proceedings, was present and presided, and the other Grand Officers

except Grand Chaplain were in their stations. Twelve Past Grand Masters, Representatives from fifty-three Subordinate Councils and eighteen Grand Representatives were in attendance. We notice however that Ohio's Grand Representative, Companion George A. Cross was not present. Our old friend Companion Hugh McCurdy could not be present but remembered the Assembly and sent a letter of regret.

The Grand Master presents a full and complete statement of his official acts during the year in a well written report covering twelve pages.

Speaking of the Council Degrees he says:

"In all the Degrees of York and Scottish Rite Masonry, I contend that our Council Ritual in beauty of expression and theme, in grandeur of ideas is unexcelled."

Again he truly says:

"However, the truly great Masonic Worker is one who studies to draw from his lines the hidden meaning, the correct expression and the dramatic effect intended by those who compiled our Masonic Work."

He reports a number of visitations as well as the constitution of three Councils. He issued a Dispensation for a new Council at Port Huron, which received its Charter at this Annual Assembly. He made a number of appointments and recommendations for appointment of Grand Representatives, issued a number of Special Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at Special Assemblies, rendered a number of Decisions and made a number of recommendations.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain in membership during the year of 563, with a total membership of 6365. While the Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $3245.39.

In speaking of the raise from $5.00 to $10.00 as minimum fees for the Degrees, which does not seem to have been particularly pleasing to some of the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Recorder says:

"From now on if we talk less of the amount of the raising and more of the beauties of the Degrees and their necessities to a complete understanding of the York Rite, eventually every

Chapter Member will feel his lonesomeness if he does not get on the inside."

They have a Grand Lecturer system in Michigan and from the report which he makes of his visitations, he must be one who performs the duties assigned him. He urges very strongly a higher quality of work and a closer attention to detail in conferring the Degrees, and insists that the Degrees are well worth all that is now charged for them in that Jurisdiction.

Companion Charles A. Conover as Chairman of the Committee appointed to visit the General Grand Council made extended report of the visitation by the Committee. The sum and substance of the whole matter is that the Committee was warmly received, courteously treated and delightfully entertained, and if we can read between the lines they thought it might be a good thing to be one of the constituents of the General Grand Council, but unfortunately the General Grand Council, not being advised as to the economical proclivities of our Companions from Michigan, adopted an amendment to the Constitution raising the tax on Subordinate Grand Councils from fifty cents per Council to two cents per member, the effect of which would be to make our Michigan Companions fork over about $100.00 more per year than if the old basis of taxation had been retained. This appears to have been a stumbling block and no action was taken by the Grand Council. This is the first financial argument we have seen on the part of the Sovereign or Independent Grand Councils, but we are frank to admit that it is about the best one offered. We have not however given up the hope that with the splendid increase in membership shown by the reports of recent years, this Grand Council will eventually be one of the most active in the General Grand Council.

The report on Correspondence is again from the pen of the Grand Recorder, Companion Charles A. Conover and is his Fourth Annual Review. He gives Ohio a Fraternal Review covering five pages of the Proceedings, in which he quotes freely and approvingly from the Address of Most Illustrious Grand Master Spill. For the little compliment he pays the writer of

this report we are duly thankful and we beg to suggest to the Companion that after he has seen the report showing the net gain in Ohio this year he will hardly be ambitious to get to the top. However we are perfectly willing that this Grand Jurisdiction shall be our next door neighbor in rank of membership, as well as an adjoining Jurisdiction.

Companion Frank O. Gilbert of Bay City was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Charles A. Conover of Coldwater was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly (which will be the fiftieth) will be held in the City of Detroit on May 18th, 1908.

MINNESOTA, 1906.

This Grand Council convened in its Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly in the City of Minneapolis on October 8th, 1906. All Grand Officers were present, except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Steward. All the Subordinate Councils were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance including Companion Andrew P. Swanstrom, who is also Past General Grand Master. Grand Representatives were also present from twenty-nine Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Charles S. Schurman, whose portrait faces the title page of the proceedings, presents a very interesting report of the year's work. His introductory is worth quoting in full, but we must be satisfied with part of it. He says:

"The philosophy of Masonry teaches man to be true to every trust; to be honest with his neighbor; to be upright in his business dealings; to be faithful in his family and domestic relations, and true to the high purposes of his manhood. He who has passed through our ceremonies and has not conceived that these were the fundamental truths taught, and that it is alone for the inculcation of these principles that the Institution of Masonry exists, has failed to grasp the very essence of our ancient and honorable society."

And again:

"What we need most in these days is a nobler citizenship, a longing for higher ideals, loftier purposes, a more consecrated determination to live for the betterment of man such as is taught in our ritual, and in the literature and history of our Ancient Craft. The perfectly rounded man, true to himself and true to his brethern, is a national as well as a Masonic asset. To that ideal our eyes should be constantly turned. Men of earnest determined purpose to do the right, who aspire alone to rectitude of conduct and right living, have a power which no man can measure or human intellect analyze."

He devoted considerable space to a description of the trip of the Minnesota party to the General Grand Council, and the impressions formed thereby. Of the entertainment by the Boston Companions he says:

"Like a picture of the great masters it cannot be described more than in outline. In brief it was spontaneous, generous and genuine."

He refused to grant a Special Dispensation to receive and ballot upon petitions at a Special Assembly, and gives two reasons for his refusal either of which is sufficient. First, he says it is contrary to the provisions of their Constitution, and that his duty is to enforce obedience to the requirements of the Constitution, not to set them aside, and second, he is of the opinion that the practice is wrong in principle and destined ultimately to bring only bad results. We believe with him that "the best interests of the Rite would be subserved by a more rigid adherence to the Canons of Masonic law. Making it easier or more convenient to Candidates only cheapens the Rite in their estimation."

He granted a Dispensation to organize a new Council at Sauk Centre, and we notice that a Charter was granted them at this Annual Assembly. He appointed a number of Grand Representatives from, and approved the Commissions of a number of Grand Representatives to that Grand Council, and got through the year without rendering a decision.

The Grand Recorder reported a net gain during the year of 101 and a total membership of 908, and the Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $346.65 cash on hand.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Right Illustrious Companion Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder, and is his sixteenth review. He reviews thirty-one Proceedings, Ohio for 1905 being among the number.

Of the Address of the writer, who was then Grand Master, he says it was a "Stately paper," and briefly mentions the matters therein referred to.

Most Illustrious Companion William Clark Allen of Minneapolis was elected Grand Master, and Right Illustrious Companion Thomas Montgomery of St. Paul was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of St. Paul on October 7th, 1907.

Since writing the above review we learn that Right Illustrious Companion Thomas Montgomery, whose hand penned the report we have been reviewing, has ceased his labors on earth and entered into eternal rest. It hardly seems possible! When we saw him in Boston he was active and vigorous, and yet in the short space of a year thereafter, he answers the summons of his Maker, and leaves to earth and his former Companions only the memory of a true, consciencious and upright man. How forcibly the words come back to us. "In the midst of life we are in death."

MISSISSIPPI, 1907.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi held its Fifty-second Annual Assembly in the City of Natchez on February 20th and 21st, 1907. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Phineas M. Savery, having died during the year the Deputy Grand Master presided. Nearly all the Grand Officers were in their stations, three Past Grand Officers were present, Grand Representatives from eighteen other Jurisdictions were in attendance, as well as a quorum of Representatives of Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Companion Frederick Speed, who is Ohio's Grand Representative near that Grand Council, called the Companions to order before the opening exercises, and addressing the Grand Captain of the Guard asked:

"Are all present Royal and Select Masters?" Captain of the Guard: "All present are Royal and Select Masters."

Companion Speed: "Is our number complete?" Captain of the Guard: "Alas, no, the Grand Master's seat is vacant, enshrouded in emblems of deepest mourning."

Thereupon Companion Speed in well chosen language delivered a beautiful and touching tribute to the memory of the departed Grand Master who it seems was a personal friend of the speaker, as well as a man beloved by all with whom he came in contact.

After this the Grand Council was opened in Due Form by the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master read an address of four pages but it was devoted entirely to a mournful melody of sorrow over the death of the Grand Master. In fact the clouds seemed to hang very low and there was little sunshine in the Proceedings. We have no doubt the departed was a man of more than ordinary strength of character, of great piety, of pleasing manners and a fund of Masonic information which he cheerfully imparted to those who asked. But "the old must die," and this good Companion had labored nearly four score years in life's vineyard, and it was but natural that vitality should ebb, that strength should fail and life's dim flickering lamp go out. Companions of Mississippi we join in your sorrow, but beg to suggest that:

There must be some clouds foreboding,
But they bring refreshing rain;
There must be some nights of darkness,
But the morning comes again;
There must be some days of sorrow
In our pilgrimage below,
But they brighter make the morrow
With its heaven lights aglow.

The Grand Recorder's report shows that less than half of the

Subordinate Councils had made returns, and he goes after them in the following language.

"Thus it will be seen that but twenty of the forty-four Councils have made their returns for the present year. While it is to be regretted that so many of the Councils are delinquent with their returns, it is only a repetition of the history of the past, and doubtless they will make their returns and pay their arrearages if the Grand Council is only patient enough to wait for the Companions to arouse from the Somnambulent state into which they have fallen, but there are some Councils from which probably nothing is to be expected, and it is a question worthy of your consideration as to whether they ought not to be deprived of their Charters."

This is right. Notify them, admonish them, warn them, threaten them, deprive them of their mileage and per diem, and if this don't awaken them arrest their Charter. It is surprising how many Secretaries and Recorders of Subordinate Bodies, who are usually prompt in business affairs, are negligent and careless in making their returns to the Grand Bodies. In Ohio we make the Representatives walk home without mileage or per diem when the returns from his Council are not in, and it has had a salutary effect.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $1997.57 on hand and $1000.00 of this amount was donated to the building fund of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain of 174 during the year and a total membership of 1779.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Companion John S. Cobb of Verona was elected Grand Master and Companion Frederick Speed of Vicksburg was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Grand Assembly will be held at Hattiesburg on Feburary 12th, 1908.

MISSOURI. 1907.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri held its Forty-second Annual Assembly in the City of St. Louis on April 23rd, 1907, and in just twenty-four days thereafter the printed Proceedings are before us. The former venerable Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, our lamented Brother Vincil, had much pride in his ability to distribute the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge within a few days after the close of the session, and there appear to be others. It might be well for some other Grand Recorders to familiarize themselves with the mad refrain "I'm from Missouri, you must show me."

The Grand Master and all the other Grand Officers except two were present, and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, the Committee on Credentials reporting the presence of delegates from ten of the fifteen Chartered Councils, and seventeen representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain during the year of 153, and a total membership of 1477.

He suggests the advisability of employing an Auditor whose duty shall be to examine the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Recorder just prior to each Annual Assembly, and thinks such an examination would be of more value to the Grand Council than the hurried examinations which are made by the Finance Committee. He also suggests the voucher form of drawing money from the Grand Treasury, recommends the binding of accumulated Proceedings of other Jurisdictions and the adoption of the Card index system for the membership.

He calls attention to the fact that eleven Past Grand Masters are still without jewels and says that good faith requires that they should be procured rather than that a pay roll be established. This is exactly right. While these testimonials of gold and silver are not of great value intrinsically, as an evidence of appreciation of services rendered, they are of inestimable value to the wearer, and represent to him what money cannot buy. If you will place them upon his breast now to gladden his

declining days, they will do him more good than the banks of flowers with which you will hide his casket in death.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $2147.46. Companion John R. Parson, Ohio's Grand Representative, was present and actively participated in the deliberations of the Grand Council.

The address of the Grand Master is a business paper of ten pages, six of which are devoted to the setting aside of a dimit which had been granted by Hiram Council No. 1, to M. Ill. Companion William H. Mayo, and the reasons for his action. While we sincerely regret the unfortunate condition of affairs which prompted the Grand Master to act in this matter, his reasons, as shown by his report, seem to be sufficient.

The Committee on Masonic Home reports that it continues to be the joy and pride of all Masons within that Grand Jurisdiction; that they are proud of its excellent and business-like management which has characterized it from its inception, and express the hope that it may always continue. So say we, all of us.

By the adoption of a new By-Law the Grand Officers and Representatives to the Grand Council will hereafter be paid mileage and per diem from the funds of the Grand Council.

Companion Robert F. Stevenson writes his second report on Foreign Correspondence, and says in the introductory that he has had no occasion to use the brick-bats which he accumulated last year and that he would send them to the dump. This assurance greatly allays our fears, for with our shoulder-bound base ball arm we would hardly be equal to the emergency in a brick-bat contest.

He reviews thirty-four Proceedings, Ohio among the number, and throws into his decoction just enough of the spice of humor to make it pleasant and palateable. He goes after "Arkansaw" with an insinuation that they are "dead ones" down there, and says a Grand Lecturer was appointed to embalm the whole "push," so that a mumified representation of how really dead they are might be preserved among men and Masons forever.

Great Scott, Hempstead! Is it embalming fluid you are embibing? Your frequent visits to Kentucky headquarters while in Boston last year led us to believe it was another preservative you were relying upon, not only to prolong life while you are discovering the true Cryptograph, but to enable the Almighty, on resurrection morn, to see what a fine specimen of fleshless anatomy you were in your earthly self. The Reviewer says that Warvelle of Illinois perpetrated a vagary in inviting Mordhurst of Indiana over to Chicago to have a stein with him under the Anheuser-Busch, and alleges that the latter is the peculiar growth of St. Louis soil, while admitting that it is capable of transplanting. Evidently he would like to get in on the stein proposition Well, we would like to suggest that it is a mighty small table that isn't big enough for four, and—

In the shade of the Anheuser-Busch,
We scribblers would be the whole push,
For everyone knows how the fresh amber flows,
In the shade of the Anheuser-Busch.

Ohio for 1906 gets four pages of the review and the Reviewer regrets that his space is limited. As he has nothing but words of Commendation for our Grand Jurisdiction, this statement is quite complimentary. He especially commends that portion of Most Illustrious Companion Spill's Address which was devoted to the General condition of the Craft, and adds:

"If any doubt Ohio's right to lead, let them read Grand Master Spill's Address."

Of our introduction he says it was an "extremely modest" one. Well now, Companion Stevenson, if you ever know us personally (and we pray you may), you will then say our introduction was an extremely natural one. It was said of us by a brother whose opinion we have never since respected, that we were so modest we couldn't rise in a Masonic body and decline an office in favor of the other fellow. In re (as we lawyers say) the Cleveland-Cunningham controversy, he gives Companion Cunningham credit for resurrecting the old Iowa letter which we quoted in our Review. This is all wrong. Cunningham had just

been married and he didn't care a snap what Cleveland or anybody else said about him, so we came to his relief, and we want to say right here that any other old Codger of the age of three score and ten years—and then some—who gets tangled up in the matrimonial mesh, is entitled to, and will receive our earnest assistance and sympathy. He concludes with the statement that we possess a vein of humor, but that it was obscured in our first report. Here was our modesty shown again. We are really a very funny fellow, but the situation and surroundings must be just right, and the proper spirit must move us. Under such conditions we are indeed a humorist. Our humor is so finely drawn that it is sometimes laughable to see our friends trying to find it.

Companion George T. Burnham of Milan, is Grand Master, and Companion Robert F. Stevenson of St. Louis is Grand Recorder.

The Forty-third Annual Assembly will be held in Springfield on April 28th, 1908.

NEBRASKA, 1906.

Our Companions of Nebraska met in their Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly in Freemason's Hall at Omaha on December 12th, 1906, the Grand Master, Companion Lorenzo D. Woodruff, presiding.

Fifteen of the Chartered Councils of the State were represented, and, a Subordinate Council having been opened, the Grand Master declared the Grand Council open for the transaction of business. We formerly did it this way in Ohio, but we now open the Grand Council in Ample Form, and like it better. From the report of the Grand Recorder we learn that the net gain during the year was 144, and the Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $1023.74. The Grand Master commences his address with the following truthful statement:

"If we continue to labor so as to invite the scrutiny and warrant the approval of the Grand Architect, whether we be young or old, the effulgent rays of the golden triangle will shed

its luster before us until after we shall have passed the Ninth Arch. But if we purposely fail to perform our task, if we are found sleeping at our post, the inevitable fate of Ahishar will overtake us before we shall have even passed the entrance of the Secret Vault."

After paying suitable tribute to the dead of that and other Jurisdictions, he gives an account of his stewardship during the year.

Being unable to attend the Triennial Assembly at Boston he issued his proxy to Past Grand Master Gustave Anderson.

He visited two Councils, constituted two Councils, revived the drooping energies of two Councils and everlastingly ended the existence of two Councils. He issued a number of Special Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at special meetings, one of which covered two meetings to be held on successive evenings. Of this he says: "I question the legality or advisability at least, of granting a Special Dispensation covering a period of more than one day." We question both the legality and advisability of issuing such Dispensations for even one day. He issued Commissions to a number of Grand Representatives and recommended others for appointment by Foreign Jurisdictions. The Address speaks a faithful and consciencious devotion to the Cryptic Rite.

As heretofore the Reviews of the Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions were prepared by the Grand Representatives, respectively, of those Jurisdictions, the Review of Ohio for 1905 being written by Most Illustrious Companion Charles J. Phelps of Schuyler. The Review is brief but covers all the important transactions of our Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly. Companion Charles C. Cannon of Schuyler was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Francis E. White of Omaha was re-elected Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Freemason's Hall in the City of Omaha on December 11th, 1907.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1906.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord on May 14th, 1906, the Grand Master and all other Grand Officers being in their stations. Thirteen Subordinate Councils were represented, ten Past Grand Masters were present, as also twenty-one Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions, including Companion Jesse M. Durrell of Tilton, the Grand Chaplain, who represents Ohio, near that Grand Council.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of fifty-six during the year and a total membership of 1883, while they had $1038.43 in the Treasury.

A portrait of the Grand Master, Companion Harry Morrison Cheney, faces the title page. In his Address the Grand Master begs for approval of his acts, but admits that it is up to the Grand Council to say whether the approval is forthcoming or not. He appointed a number of Grand Representatives and recommended the appointment of others. He issued a Special Dispensation to ballot upon the petition of his father, which had been received at a Stated Assembly. While we believe that no such Dispensation should ever be granted under any circumstances, we are free to confess that we would be very much tempted to stretch a point under similar circumstances. He received one petition for a new Council, but referred the matter to the Grand Council for action. The records show that a Revised Constitution was adopted and a jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Illustrious Companion Frank D. Woodbury and is his sixth Review. We remember with much pleasure our boat ride with Companion Woodbury in Boston Harbor last year. He reviews thirty-three Proceedings, Ohio being among the number. Our Grand Council receives Fraternal consideration at his hands.

Companion Fred E. French of Concord was elected Most

Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Frank D. Woodbury also of Concord was re-elected Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly was probably held in the City of Concord on May 13th, 1907.

NEW JERSEY, 1906.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey convened in its Forty-eighth Annual Assembly in the City of Trenton on March 20th, 1906, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion George W. Morrow, assisted by his associate Grand Officers.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters, Representatives from five of the eight Chartered Councils of the State, and Grand Representatives from fifteen other Jurisdictions were in attendance. The net gain for the year was fifteen and the total membership 691. The Treasurer had a balance of $189.08.

The Grand Master presented a short Address covering his official acts during the year. In felicitating his Companions upon the opportunity to again meet and mingle together in Fraternal intercourse he well says:

"Not always will we continue to come hither. As the Annual Assemblies convene in the successive years the list of those 'who used to come' grows larger and memory mirrors to us faces and echoes to us voices of Companions who were, but are not."

Yes, indeed, if the chain could remain unbroken, the Circle complete, our Annual Assemblies would be veritable love feasts, and clasping hands and happy smiles would tell a story of Fraternal love unsurpassed in any other human institution. But, alas! Death comes and we cannot help it. He boldly stalks into our presence, touches our loved ones and they wither away. As the little flower grows into form and beauty under the warming rays of a tropical sun, but fades away when touched by a single breath of the Frost King, so man grows, and thrives and prospers in good health, and under the warmth and glow of love and affection, but quickly withers and dies when touched by the icy hand of Death.

The Grand Master issued no Dispensations, rendered no decisions. He made a few visitations and recommended the appointment of one Grand Representative. The Committee on Aprons reported a recommendation, which was adopted, that the Aprons should be of white material, triangular, equilateral, triangular flap one-third the length of the Apron; Apron edged with purple one and one-half inches deep, flap edged with purple three-quarters inch deep, purple strings and lined with purple cloth.

Companion Hiram E. Deats, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, writes the Report on Correspondence in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Councils, Ohio being among the number. He commends our plan of dividing the State into Districts or Arches for inspection purposes, and quotes freely from Companion Cunningham's Review. He says Warvelle's effort is a "comment" rather than a Report on Correspondence. Well, whatever it is, he succeeds in stirring up the monkeys, (no reflection on our Reportorial corps), and drawing a continuous fire from all directions which he seems to relish very much.

Companion Richard C. Chamberlain of Trenton was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion John B. Bertholf of Jersey City was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly was to have been held in the City of Trenton on March 19th, 1907.

NEW YORK, 1906.

This Grand Council met in Annual Assembly in the City of Troy, New York, on August 28th, 1906, Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Stewart presiding, and all other Grand Officers except Grand Lecturer in their stations. Eleven Past Grand Masters and Representatives from twenty-three Subordinate Councils were in attendance, and on a call of Grand Representatives, thirty-three responded, which we consider an extraordinary attendance. In the list of those present we find the name of Companion James Chambers, Ohio's Grand Representative near

that Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, and this means more in New York than in other Grand Jurisdictions, for there the opening is indeed Ample. The word "elaborate" would be equally appropriate. The exercises were under the direction of Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Frederick Kanter who appears to be an adept in this line. After the opening the distinguished visitors and Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed by the Grand Master, and the Fraternal Greetings of the Grand Council of New York extended through them to the several Grand Jurisdictions which they represented.

The Grand Master opens his Address with the modest statement that he has endeavored to do his whole duty, asking that his shortcomings be laid to human frailty and that if any credit be due, it be given to his Associate Grand Officers and the Companions throughout the State. He was thankful that the Grim Reaper had passed their door and left them in solid phalanx to continue in the good work of the Rite, and paid a loving and fraternal tribute to the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions. He appointed a number of Grand Representatives to Sister Jurisdictions, and approved the Commissions of a number of Grand Representatives from Sister Jurisdictions.

He issued a number of Special Dispensations to Subordinate Councils to receive and ballot upon petitions and confer degrees at Special Assemblies. He assigned the Councils of the State to the Grand Officers for visitation and inspection, giving to each, as nearly as possible, three Councils.

The Grand Recorder reports a net decrease in registered membership during the year of 738. In this connection he reports, in addition of those suspended, dimitted, expelled and died during the year, that there were 947 "unaffiliated during the year." We do not understand this statement, but presume there must be a half way station between Good standing and Suspension—something like Purgatory, at which this unusual number of Companions were dropped off until they could secure proper transportation.

Our good friend Companion George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer, admitted having $2122.25 on hand and presented proper vouchers showing that he had it safely deposited.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead presented a beautiful and touching report which is sympathetic, enobling, satisfying and encouraging, lifting the soul to something beyond the realm of earthly toil and conflict, to the haven of eternal rest, refreshment and joy.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by the entire Committee, but we presume it is from the pen of the Chairman, our genial friend Most Illustrious Past Grand Master John W. Coburn, an excellent portrait of whom precedes the title page of the printed Proceedings. Thirty Proceedings are reviewed, Ohio for 1905 being among the number. The Committee quotes approvingly from the Address of the Grand Master and from the report of Most Illustrious Companion Cunningham on Correspondence. On the intimation in Companion Cunningham's Report that he might not write the next report, the Committee say "we shall indeed miss the work of our esteemed Companion and trust he may return to it in the near future." We have no doubt but that you do miss the work of Companion Cunningham whose shoes we are trying to fill. We all miss it. We find his shoes so large that our effort to fill them is embarrassing, and he can have the job back any time he wants it.

Most Illustrious Companion Fred E. Ogden of Buffalo is Grand Master and Companion George Van Vliet of New York City was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in New York City on August 27th, 1907.

OREGON, 1907.

The Grand Council held its Twenty-second Annual Assembly at Corvallis on April 10th, 1907. All Grand Officers except two were in their stations. Representatives from six Subordinate Councils were present, as were also five Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, one Past Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

and the Representatives from thirteen other Grand Jurisdictions. We notice that Companion A. L. Rumsey, Ohio's Grand Representative, was not present.

The Report of the Grand Recorder shows a net gain in membership during the year of fifty-five and a total membership of 413, while the report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $396.50.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion William A. Dempsey, presents a very readable report, refined in character and elevating in tone. He candidly admits that while they have their lofty mountain ranges crowned by snow capped peaks, a climate tempered by the warm waters of the Japan current, and boast of the most beautiful scenery in the nation, they are still far from occupying a leading position in the Sisterhood of Grand Councils. He says however that while they are not strong in numbers, they are strong in all the features which go to make a successful Grand Body. His exhortation to his Companions urging them to courageously meet all the great questions of the future, and faithfully discharge the duties which will devolve upon them as men and Masons, is so good that we quote it in full.

He says:

"We are entering upon an era as momentous in the history of our country as any that has preceded it. Looking across the sea, we behold nations just emerging from the sleep of centuries, and we cannot but realize the great influence they will exert in the years to come. In the preparation necessary for the meeting of these people as men and brethern, Cryptic Masonry has a noble work to perform. Masonry teaches that all men are brethern, and that we are children of One Almighty Parent, inhabitants of the same planet and members of one family, whose duty is is to protect and support one another. Masonry teaches the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It will be a work of patriotism and love for our Craft to take a stand for equal rights for all men, knowing no distinction other than goodness and merit, and carrying out in our daily lives and in our relationship to one another, and to the State, the divine statement "Of one blood God hath created all mankind." This is the mission of Free Masonry and in it Cryptic Masonry is destined to play an important part. The spirit manifested by the brethern today is such as presages a mighty uplift. In the years yet to come, when

the East shall meet the West, and when there must be an amalgamation of all nations now here, or, yet to come to this country, we can look for a higher type of American; a man possessing the highest attributes of manhood; whose position in the world will reflects credit upon our country, and whose wisdom and strength will enable him to bridge over the petty differences and distinctions and prejudices which we now know. In the process of bringing about this long-wished-for condition and time, we have our work to perform. Let us then imitate the example of that guiding spirit and leader of the Hebrew people, who, laboring upon the walls of the temple with trowel in one hand and sword in the other, spoke encouraging words to cheer the drooping spirits of his countrymen.

By preparing our members for the duties of citizenship, whether of State or nation, we are doing our part towards hastening the day when men shall 'forge their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and the lion and the lamb will lie down together.' When peace, sweet peace, shall be triumphant throughout the earth."

He granted Special Dispensation to one Council to receive petitions and confer degrees upon eleven Candidates, one of whom he says was a resident of Missouri, and an "old and distinguished Mason of that State." How about Missouri's consent? He appointed twenty-five Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions and recommended the appointment of six Companions as Grand Representatives of as many other Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Oregon.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence but the following "note" by the Grand Recorder explains the situation, and leads to the hope that e'er long this Jurisdiction will be able to have a Representative in the Reportorial field.

He says:

"Our Jurisdiction is small in numbers, and the Council extends over a great extent of country. We as yet cannot afford to present a Report on Foreign Correspondence, however concise, and therefore the Grand Master, seeking to have the members of the Grand Council closer in touch with the spirit of the order in other Jurisdictions, made the request that each Grand Representative submit a report individually of the Jurisdiction he represents. Plainly speaking this set many of them to thinking and

really, in my opinion, made them look into Cryptic matters with closer attention. It may have been an "innovation" on the ordinary routine, but Companions of other Jurisdictions, allow me to say that the attention given to reading of the reports, the genuine information gained by those present, amply repaid the effort, and gave all present an incentive to still work to the true advancement of the Order in Oregon. Remember that though we are still small numerically, Oregon Royal and Select Masters have respect for those whose teachings have guided us, and will yet be heard from."

Companion Horatio H. Parker of Portland is Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion Seth L. Pope of Portland is Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Portland on April 8th, 1908.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1907.

The Sixty-first Annual Grand Assembly of this Grand Council was held at the City of Erie on January 15th, 1907. M. P. Grand Master Charles W. Wolfertz presided, and all other Grand Officers were in their stations. Nine Past Grand Masters were present, as were Representatives from thirteen other Grand Jurisdictions. More than this, our own genial Companion John F. Lane, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, was there, and the Proceedings say he honored the Grand Council by his presence and received a warm welcome from those present. Companion John honors every body of men and Masons of which he becomes a part, or with which he mingles, and his welcome ought to be a warm one for he is a "hot tomale" himself.

The Address of the Grand Master covers twenty-two pages of the printed Proceedings and is a statement in detail of his official acts during the year. He reports that no break has occurred in the official ranks during the year, and that the utmost harmony prevails. He says the gain in membership for the past year is the largest in the history of the Cryptic Rite in that State, and that they now have a total membership of 3814. Must be catching the Ohio Idea in our neighboring Jurisdiction. This Ohio

Idea is work, and it brings results in a Jurisdiction which claims to be Sovereign, as well as in one which has pleasure in being an humble member of a happy family of Sisters all yielding obedience to the same mother, even though it be an adopted mother.

The Grand Master Constituted one Council, issued a number of Special Dispensations to act upon petitions without waiting the usual time, and made an unusual number of visitations, all of which are fully reported.

He issued Commissions to two Companions as Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions, and recommended three Companions for appointment by other Grand Jurisdictions as Representatives near that Grand Jurisdiction.

It seems that they are endeavoring to resurrect a Past Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree, which was conferred prior to 1882, and that the same was conferred at this Annual Assembly. This is one degree that has escaped us, and we shall not be contented until we know something more about it, and the necessity for it.

Of the State of the Rite he says:

"Cryptic Masonry in the entire Jurisdiction is in a very gratifying condition, when you take into consideration the fact that we have no inducements to offer other than the beautiful degrees that bring the Candidates to the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. Reports received from Sister Jurisdictions all tend to show the slow but sure advance of the Cryptic Rite."

Appreciating the "labor and kindly greetings" of their "peerless good natured Grand Recorder," with whom "you cannot talk without striking a fund of Masonic information," recommended an increase in his salary. This recommendation was subsequently approved by the Grand Council. The record fails to show whether or not it had the approval of the Grand Recorder.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, appended to the Grand Master's Address, simply confirm the Grand Master's Report as to the condition of the Rite.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $2378.02, and the Grand Recorder reports a net gain during the year of 490 and a total membership of 3814.

After the election, those who were not Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, retired, and the newly elected Grand Master was installed into office and then the other fellows were brought back to see if they could discover what they had missed, while the other Grand Officers were installed.

The Grand Master elect delivered a neat little Address on his installation, and as one paragraph is in line with our ideas on the subject, we quote it in full as follows:

"Our principles and practice can be maintained only by a close and steadfast adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. I would urge upon you to earnestly resist the introduction of innovations, which may please their inventor and their inventor's admirers, but only tend to throw discredit on the confidence of our members in the antiquity of our Honorable Institution."

We notice that Companion James B. Youngson, Ohio's Grand Representative near that Grand Council was in attendance.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Recorder, Companion Frank W. Martenis, who is Chairman of the Committee. To Ohio for 1906 is accorded a pleasing and courteous review of four pages. He says:

"The Proceedings of the premier Grand Council (as to membership) comes to us in a handsomely bound volume of over 200 pages." Why not eliminate the parenthetical part Companion Martenis?

He quotes freely from the Address of Grand Master Spill and approves the same.

Of our Masonic Home he says:

"What a Grand Institution! Long may it be able to continue in this noble work."

He closes his report by approving what we said last year relative to the granting of Special Dispensations to receive and act upon petitions and confer degrees at Special Assemblies.

Companion Carl A. Sundstrom of Philadelphia is M. P. Grand Master and Companion Frank W. Martenis of South Bethlehem is Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Scranton on January 21st, 1908.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1907.

The Grand Council of South Carolina met in its Forty-eighth Annual Assembly in the City of Charleston on February 12th, 1907, the Grand Master, Most Illustrious George S. Mower, presiding and only five other officers in their stations.

Five Subordinate Councils were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Due Form. The Grand Master delivered an oral address which he promised should be written out and placed in the hands of the Recorder to be printed in the Proceedings, but he failed to make good his promise and the Grand Recorder gives a nine line summary from memory.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $10.01, but this must have been increased at this session for the Committee on Reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder recommended appropriations amounting to $123.75.

The Report of the Grand Recorder shows a decrease of three in membership during the year which leaves the total membership 203.

A number of Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils were present and were received with Fraternal greetings. We notice that Companion J. T. Barron, our own Grand Representative near that Grand Council was present.

The Report on Correspondence is written by the Grand Recorder, Companion Zimmerman Davis, and is his third Review. He reviews the Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, as well as the General Grand Council, and had a few words to say about the prospect of a Grand Council in Texas.

Under the head of "Mississippi" he raps our genial friend Speed over the cranium for his statement to the effect that the Constituent Grand Councils are "inferior organizations" as compared with the so-called "Sovereign and independent" Grand Councils. Well, we don't exactly like this insinuation either, and Speed don't believe a word of it. He gets as much pleasure out of the sessions of the General Grand Council as any Representative of a Constituent Grand Council. He may not be present at the sessions, but he mingles with the Companions and

enjoys the festivities, and we are always glad to bask in his smile. If he thought we were Representatives of an inferior organization he would not want to be seen in our company and he has actually invited us to a social sitting with him in broad daylight.

Ohio for 1906 receives a courteous and fraternal Review at the hands of the Reviewer. He gives in short space the substance of the address of Grand Master Spill, and says:

"There are many other things about Ohio which we would like to say but which will have to be left unsaid."

He says what they lack in South Carolina is a supply of Ohio zeal. Well, we have plenty of it here, but we would hesitate about letting any of it get away, for it is the easiest thing on earth to stand still or go backward when the moving power is dead.

Companion George S. Mower of Newberry was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Zimmerman Davis was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Charleston on February 11th, 1908.

TENNESSEE, 1907.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee assembled in its Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in the City of Nashville on January 28th, 1907. The Grand Master Most Illustrious Companion Andrew P. Trogden presiding, and all the other Grand Officers were in their stations. Twelve Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters were in attendance and nineteen Subordinate Councils were represented. Grand Representatives from twenty-four other Grand Councils were in attendance and were properly received by the Grand Council, among the number being Companion Bradford Nichol representing Ohio.

The abstract of returns printed in the Proceedings show a net gain during the year of forty-nine, while the report of the Committee on accounts shows a balance in the treasury of $368.03.

The Address of the Grand Master is quite brief and covers

only his official acts during the year. He made no official visitations, had no grievances to report and had not been called upon for any official ruling. He granted four Dispensations for new Councils, arrested the Charter of one Council and tried to arrest the Charter of another, which had never held a meeting or an election of officers, but it seems that the Charter which was returned upon his order proved to be a Charter of some former Council. We presume that this furnishes abundant proof that while the body of the old Council was dead and buried, its soul in the form of a Charter still survived. The Committee on Dispensations reported that Decaturville Council U. D. had conferred eight degrees and then had a membership of twelve. If this report means that the Council conferred the Council degrees upon eight Companions and that they then only had a membership of twelve, we don't quite understand how the original four could have secured the Dispensation, as Section two of Article six of the Constitution provides that there must be nine applicants. If the increase in membership had been but three, then we don't quite understand how eight Council degrees could be conferred upon three Companions, so we are forced to abandon the problem.

A resolution was introduced and adopted giving Subordinate Councils discretionary power to hold called Assemblies of their Councils in any room used as the meeting room of any legally constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within the Jurisdiction of such Subordinate Councils, and to confer the Council degrees at such Assemblies. If Mahomet wont go to the mountain let the mountain go to Mahomet.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Companion M. F. Flenniken and is the third from his pen. We notice that the Committee on Accounts generously allowed him $4.00 for expenses. As he was at Boston and participated in the pleasures of the Round-table (which we missed) and seemed to be having a good time generally, we suspect that he did not pad his expense account.

He devotes three pages of the printed Proceedings to a review of Ohio and makes the mistake of calling our Grand Master

"Spell" instead of "Spill." He is a spell-binder, but his name is Spill. He regrets that time and space forbid a more extended review of our Proceedings. Concerning the writer of this report he says that he will never again try to compliment him; well Companion Flenniken, if you carefully read our report and stick to the truth, the task of omitting the complimentary remarks will be an easy one. We notice that his report was written at Hot Springs and he says he was there for rheumatism. Our Ohio boys go there for an entirely different purpose, but then we drink like the dickens in Ohio, (principally water and butter milk), and the boiling out process is occasionally necessary. Hereafter we will say that it is rheumatism that ails us.

Companion John Hart Jr. of Livingston is Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion William A. Clendening of Nashville is Grand Recorder.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Nashville on January 27th, 1907.

VERMONT, 1907.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont assembled in its Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly in the City of Burlington on June 11th, 1907. The Grand Master, Companion George F. Root, whose portrait faces the title page of the printed Proceedings, presided, and all other Grand Officers except one were in their stations.

Nine Past Grand Officers and Representatives from fifteen Subordinate Councils were in attendance, as well as the Grand Representatives from seventeen Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

We do not find the name of Ohio's Grand Representative, Companion Frank A. Phillips, among the names of those present.

The statistical table appended to the printed Proceedings by the Grand Recorder shows a net gain of only one during the year and a total membership of 1320. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands, including money loaned, of $1183.15.

The Grand Master reports that he divided the State into four

Districts for visitation and assigned four of the Grand Officers including himself to make the inspections.

He issued a number of Dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions at Special meetings, and also a number to receive and ballot upon petitions at regular Assemblies. We do not understand the latter, but presume their rule is that petitions must lie over from one Assembly to another, and that to get away from this rule the Dispensations were issued.

He made no decisions during the year. He recommends that a Constitutional provision be adopted requiring the division of the State into Districts for inspection purposes.

He reports that peace and harmony prevail within that Jurisdiction and closes with an exhortation to his Companions to work, work, work.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Companion Marsh O. Perkins for the Committee, and is an interesting review of the Proceedings of 32 Grand Bodies, Ohio being among the number. In critically examining the photogravure of Most Illustrious Grand Master Spill he discovered that the camera had furnished indisputable evidence that the Grand Master was wearing on the lapel of his coat an ornament in the form of a scimeter and crescent, which he says were unknown to the workers in the Secret Vault. We are not well advised as to official ornamentation in the days of Ahishar, but we are quite sure there were Camels in those days, and it is possible that if the remains of the men from Gebal could be brought to view we should discover jewels and ornamentations that would put the modern shriner to shame. The Reviewer quotes freely the Address of Grand Master Spill and in the main approves his utterances. He does not agree with him on the prerequisition theory and very properly says:

"Better by far to be one of 'the Select' than to be counted among a rabble making paving-stones of the beautiful degrees for a highway to the accolade of the Templar."

Of our Masonic Home and the effort to provide a large endowment fund he says that "with the rapid increase of its permanent fund a broader field of labor can be predicted of this magnificent charity in the near future."

His concluding sentences are so encouraging that we give them in full as follows:

"Cryptic Masonry is progressing along right lines, and the prospects for the future are more encouraging than ever before. Not only are the strong centers of Cryptic Masonry stronger, but their influence and example are encircling wide and inspiring the weaker centers to a measure of effort and activity that can but be rewarded ultimately with a degree of success beyond anticipation."

David A. Elliott of White River Junction is Most Illustrious Grand Master and Henry H. Ross of Burlington is Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held June 19th, 1908 but we do not know where.

WASHINGTON, 1906.

The Eleventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Spokane on June 19th, 1906. All Grand Officers were present except two. A Constitutional number of Subordinate Councils were represented and the Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. Fifteen Grand Representatives were received and welcomed. We notice however that our old friend and Companion Most Illustrious John B. Romans, who represents us near that Grand Council, was not in attendance. Can it be that John has lost that zeal and enthusiasm which he displayed when he was with us?

The Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Richard J. Graham, presented a short business Address. He made appropriate reference to the San Francisco horror, paid fitting tribute to the dead of that and other Jurisdictions, reported the Constitution of one Council, the appointment of one Grand Representative, the granting of one Dispensation and a number of visitations. He made a number of recommendations which, with one exception were approved.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net gain of twenty-four during the year and a total membership of 620. The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $152.96.

It seems they have been pretty stiff out there against the granting of Special Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at Special Assemblies, so the Jurisprudence Committee came to the relief of the fellow who could not wait till the next stated Assembly for the degrees but who probably had waited until he had taken everything else in Masonry before he petitioned for the Council degrees. They presented a resolution which was adopted, providing that for good cause stated in the Dispensation the Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to receive petitions at a Special Assembly.

Now watch for the reasons which are given.

Companion Edward R. Hare, Grand Recorder, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a short review of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, Ohio for 1905 being among the number. He makes complimentary allusion to our Address as Grand Master for which we extend thanks.

Companion Wesley C. Stone of Spokane was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Edward R. Hare of Tacoma was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly was to be held in the City of Tacoma on June 15th, 1907.

WISCONSIN, 1907.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly met in the City of Milwaukee on February 19th 1907, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Henry Smith presiding, and all other Grand Officers in their stations. Five Past Grand Masters, twelve Grand Representatives and Representatives from twenty-three Subordinate Councils were in attendance. We notice that Ohio has no Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction. This vacancy should be filled at once so that the Fraternal relations existing between these two Grand Jurisdictions may be still further cemented. It appears from the address of the Grand Master that the Grand Council of Ohio is largely responsible for the organization of that Grand Council,

as the three Councils which united to form the Grand Council all held Charters from the Grand Council of Ohio. It is astonishing how many good things Ohio is responsible for.

The Grand Master gives a short resume of his doings during the year, but they were all of a routine order and do not suggest comment.

The Report of the Trustees shows a balance of $778.85 in the Treasury and the Recorder reports a net increase of 251 during the year.

By an Amendment of the Constitution the Grand Council will hereafter meet in the Masonic Building in Milwaukee on the third Wednesday of February each year.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master Jacob Dreher and is the second report from his pen. He reviewed thirty Proceedings, Ohio being among the number. In his introductory he commends the effort on the part of nearly all Grand Masters to stimulate the growth of the Rite by urging Subordinate Councils to hold their Assemblies regularly, elect good officers and give proper attention and dignity to the work, and adds:

"We do not like the brass-band brand of Freemasonry. Let us, rather, in a quiet and unostentatious way, do our work and perform our Masonic duties."

Four pages of the review is given to Ohio, and the Reviewer quotes freely from the address of Grand Master Spill. He don't like the Ohio method of having twenty-seven Companions of the local Subordinate Council meet the officers and members of the Grand Council in the lobby of the headquarters hotel and escort them to the meeting place. Well now, you try it once and see how nicely it works. After our steaming coffee and hot waffles, saturated with 'lasses and oleomargarine, we congregate in the hotel lobby to enjoy our cigars, greet old friends, make new ones and do a little electioneering for our esteemed friend and Companion Hiram Abbi, whose natural qualifications eminently fit him, in our humble opinion, for the onerous duties of Grand Sentinel, or some other Grand something. Alas! Poor Hiram

does not always benefit by our efforts, but the fault is with the Grand Master who makes the appointment, or with the Grand Council which elects.

We then fall in behind our escort, and, to the spirited (perhaps not spiritual) music of the band, and with all our badges, jewelry, etc. on exhibition, we march to the place of meeting and get busy. This may be making broad our phylacteries, which some of our ancient ancestors were criticised for doing, but it lets the people know we are living, and does not interfere with either the amount or character of our Masonic labor.

Companion Dreher quotes liberally from the Address of Grand Master Spill and coincides with his views on many questions covered by the Address. Of our first humble effort in the reportorial line he pays us the compliment of saying it is good reading, for which we extend our thanks.

He closes his interesting review with the statement:

"We are obliged to break away from Ohio, otherwise our space will be taken up by the many good things we have read and would like our Companions to read."

Which is certainly complimentary to all of us.

Companion R. B. Lang of Racine is Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companion William W. Perry is Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Milwaukee on February 19th, 1908.

CONCLUSION

We thus submit our Review of all Proceedings of Grand Councils which have reached us during the year, being thirty-eight in number, and ask your fraternal consideration of our Report. We confess to some degree of satisfaction at the reception given our first Report by the members of the Guild throughout the Country, and trust that this may be equally well received. We have tried to be fair in our Review and have had occasion to commend much more than criticize. The fact is, matters are moving along so smoothly in the different Grand Jurisdictions that the business of the Annual Assemblies is

largely routine, and the Reviewer has to wear magnifying glasses to discover anything in the Proceedings to either commend or criticize.

The information gleaned from the printed Proceedings reviewed leads to the conclusion that the Cryptic Rite is prosperous in most of those jurisdictions which have abandoned the prerequisition hobby and are working, by elaboration and impressiveness, to bring out the beauties of the degrees, and thus make them interesting and desirable.

Fraternally submitted,

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